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CATHOLICS MAY TAKE ACTION

INVESTIGATE ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL INCIDENT

Toronto Protestant Clergyman Denounces Statement Attributed to Priest

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The last has not been heard of the exclusion of Mrs. Brewer from St. Boniface hospital some weeks ago when her husband was an invalid there. Catholics are reported to be incensed over the manner in which the city papers reported the incident and action in law is today threatened. A meeting of Catholics was held last evening at the Catholic club and a resolution was passed condemning the action of the papers in giving such prominence to the story and charging them with casting suspicion on the name of the church in connection with the affair. It was resolved to put the matter in the hands of a lawyer and this morning John E. O'Connor, who has been retained for the case, was engaged taking down the examination of witnesses who are involved. Exactly what action is to be taken will be determined this afternoon when the examination has been completed.

Toronto Comments.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—"Blue indigation" are the only two words which express the feeling of the Toronto Protestant ministers in regard to statement attributed to Rev. Father Comeau, resident pastor of St. Mary's church, Winnipeg, Man., on the Ne Temere decree and secret marriage in the Dominion. Words will not express their anger. They state that the Ne Temere in Canada must go. Even the Catholic priests were amazed at the remarks of the Winnipeg father, but when questioned as to whether it was true or not they had nothing to say. Their remarks were based on "If the report is true," but they would not deal with the matter directly as if it were an existing condition before them.

THREE MEN PERISH.

Go Down When Vessel Sinks After Being in Collision.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 28.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre Miquelon arrived at North Sydney from Halifax last night, having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman.

The two steamers were in collision off Green Island, 100 miles east of Halifax, early yesterday morning. The French boat struck the Renwick amidships, sending her to the bottom headforemost and carrying down three of the crew who were sleeping in the forward part of the vessel.

The Renwick was under charter to the Inverness Coal & Railway Company and at the time of the accident was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden. The names of the men that were lost are unobtainable. All were firemen. The survivors lost all their belongings, as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

IMPROVEMETN OF VANCOUVER HARBOR

A. D. Swan Will Confer With Civic and Commercial Bodies

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Personally to acquaint himself with local conditions, A. D. Swan, the eminent engineer expert appointed by the Dominion government to plan a scheme for Vancouver harbor improvements, arrived in the city yesterday and was met by Ald. H. H. Stevens, M. P.

Mr. Swan, as mentioned in the Times a week ago, was engineer in charge of construction of the Avonmouth docks, Bristol, and designed the large harbor extensions for Montreal. He proposes to go thoroughly into conditions with the civic and commercial bodies affected by the proposed scheme, afterwards ascertaining by personal inspection what recent improvements have been made at Atlantic ports on the other side since he last visited them. During his stay here Mr. Swan seeks ideas and all the information possible, so that he will have all data by the time he begins the actual plans. He expresses himself as greatly impressed with the possibilities of the harbor.

IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

Report for Year Shows Increase Over 1910.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Canadian immigration figures now are practically complete for the year, and show a total of 351,595, as compared with 311,004 for last year. The immigration from the United States increased by 4,000, being 145,549 for the eleven months. The influx from Great Britain increased from 122,013 to 141,835 in 1911.

FIGHT FOR THEATRE LICENCE.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—An application will be made in Chambers before Mr. Justice Murphy to-day for a mandamus to compel the city to extend the licence of the Orpheum theatre. This action has been brought about by the recent determination of the city council not to renew the licence when it runs out next Saturday night. The Orpheum people hold that this action is an interference with their vested interests, and are willing to have the matter tested in the courts. They contend also that the finance committee approved their application and the council acted wrongly in vetoing it afterwards.

The principal question at issue will be the safety of the Orpheum building. The management contends that it is as safe as any other theatre building in Vancouver, but the city officials think otherwise.

NO REFERENDUM.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—It was decided at the city hall that there would be no referendum on the question as to whether or not the board of control ought to be abolished and whether a reduction of controllers' salaries should take place. One only question to be submitted to the electorate on February 1 is whether or not there shall be property qualifications for aldermen and mayor.

STRUGGLE MAY BE PROLONGED

MORE COTTON MILLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED

Another Lockout is Threatened by the Employers in Lancashire

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 28.—Both sides in the great cotton war which was brought about by the refusal of one man and two women to join a trades union and which has caused the lockout of 160,000 weavers and the placing on half time of an equal number of spinners, are determined to fight. The mills in a score of towns in the north and northwestern districts of Lancashire are at a standstill. The operatives seem firm in their resolution to demand recognition of their union. They thronged the streets throughout the day, but all has been quiet and orderly.

The dispute spread to-day to the County of Cheshire. The mills at Marple, owned by the Calico Printers Combine, locked out their hands this morning and similar action is expected in other Cheshire centres.

There is danger of the fight spreading to other industries. There are indications of probable complications through the rising of a new issue on the question of wages. This move has been taken by the weavers, who declare that as a lockout has been figured on, they intend to make five per cent. advance in wages a condition of any settlement.

The cotton waste spinners resolved to-day to close the mills belonging to its members on January 1, if the dispute between the employers and the workers in Lancashire is not settled. The next move appears to lie with Sir George Askwith of the board of trade.

FIRE DESTROYS BANK BLOCK.

Stonewall, Man., Dec. 28.—The Bank of Hamilton block was gutted by fire at six o'clock this morning. Very little of the contents were saved. The block was occupied by the Bank of Hamilton with the manager's residence overhead, also the offices of W. W. Cotten, barrister, and the Lelong court clerk.

SIR CHARLES' CONDITION.

London, Dec. 28.—The latest report regarding the condition of Sir Charles Tupper states that he is making good progress and the physicians have stopped issuing bulletins.

ENGINEER MAY DIE FROM INJURIES

Passenger Train and Yard Engine Collide at Regina

Regina, Sask., Dec. 21.—John Hudson, an engineer, was probably fatally injured and an engine and several baggage coaches were thrown off the track in a collision between a passenger train and yard engine at 8 o'clock this morning. Hudson's leg was crushed and he was badly scalded.

The Winnipeg local was an hour behind time and the yard engine attempted to run on the main line. Both trains met at the switch. One engine was thrown four feet clear of the track and coaches toppled over on to the top of the platform of the station. The engineer of the passenger said it was impossible to see the yard engine as the steam was so dense. The wreckage was cleared in two hours.

MONGOLIA NOW INDEPENDENT

TERRITORY PASSES FROM CHINESE CONTROL

The Khu Tukhta Ascends the Throne—Russia Comments on the Change

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The ceremony of accession to the throne of the Khu Tukhta of Mongolia occurred today and many representatives of foreign nations attended in an unofficial capacity.

The Khu Tukhta is an ecclesiastic subordinate to the Delai Llama, the head of the religion of Lamai, a corrupt form of Buddhism, and his relations to the Delai Llama are about the same as those of a cardinal to the Pope. In the year 1688 the Khu Tukhta, who then occupied the office, counselled the Mongolian princes to elect a Manchu emperor to the throne, but the emperor always bore a special name in Mongolia as a mark of Mongolian autonomy. It is only during the last ten or fifteen years that China has attempted to introduce into Mongolia closer administrative dependency on China.

The Rech, in a significant leading article this morning, recounts recent Mongolian events, and states that the election of the Khu Tukhta in Mongolia means an end of the dependence of Mongolia and the Manchu dynasty. In the future the status of parts of Rensacent, China, may assume the character of autonomy or become a federation of independent states. But the old order in Mongolia cannot soon be restored. The sole proposition of Mongolian independence coincides with the failure of Premier Yuan Shi Kai's efforts on behalf of the Manchu dynasty.

China faces, according to the Rech, a more or less protracted struggle for a new political order. This will allow the new-born Mongolia state time in which to wax strong and create defensive forces against China's further centralistic attempts.

The Rech concludes: "We have already pointed out in what degrees such a course of events answers to the interests of Russia. We repeat now that not annexation nor grab, but protection of the independence and autonomy of Mongolia, should be the aim of Russian diplomacy."

The Russian foreign office denies the report that Russian troops have entered Mongolia. A squadron of Cossacks were sent recently to the newly-established consulate at Kobdo, and this evidently gave rise to the report that a Russian army was entering Mongolia. The idea of extending the Russian protectorate over Mongolia exists in certain circles here, but Russian diplomacy has so far been inactive and has adhered to the policy of non-interference in Chinese affairs. If the Mongolians, however, insistently press for protection they might be able to procure the results desired, and Russia might be forced to act in case Mongolian autonomy is menaced.

Reply to Russia.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—M. Shekine, Russian charge d'affaires, went to the Chinese foreign office to-day and handed in the request on behalf of the Russian government that China should promptly reassume control of Mongolia. He received the response that China was at the moment unable to comply.

The action of the Russian government was taken in consequence of the proclamation of independence by Mongolia and the report that the dependency of Turkestan would be cut off from China at the same moment. The inability of China to assert her authority in Mongolia at the present moment leaves the way open, according to prevalent opinion here, for the extension of Russian influence in that dependency and also the possibility of ultimate annexation.

It is assumed here that Russia will immediately proceed to carry out her plans for the construction of a trans-Mongolia railway which will shorten the route from Europe to Pekin by several days. It also is suggested that a Russo-Japanese alliance may result from the action of Mongolia, as this brings the Russian and Japanese spheres of influence in Mongolia and Manchuria side by side.

Causes No Surprise.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Although not officially informed of the purpose of the local authorities in Mongolia and Turkestan to declare the independence of those provinces, today the officials of the state department were not surprised at the press reports to that effect. With the exception of Chi Li, practically all of the Chinese provinces, save Mongolia and Turkestan, have declared their independence of the Pekin government. This was done confessedly for the purpose of getting rid of the monarchial machinery, which has existed in the provinces for the last 300 years, thereby clearing the way for the realization of the ideal republic of the Chinese reformers.

As to the possible extension of Russian influence over the provinces of Mongolia and Turkestan and their probable ultimate absorption by Russia nothing is known here, but every step taken has warranted the confidence of the state department in the pledges given by the five powers interested that they would act as a unit in China and would seek to take no individual advantage of any developments such as the declaration of independence of a province at this stage.

TO RE-OPEN KINRADE CASE.

Hamilton, Dec. 28.—A sensation was sprung in police circles here when one of the assistants to the chief of police formally announced that application would be made to the crown for funds to further investigate the unsolved Kinrade murder case. The instigator of the application, he said, was a private detective of wide experience, Florence Kinrade (now Mrs. Wright of Calgary), the leading figure in the case, was in the city a week ago with her husband. The same police official also announced that the old Barton murder case will be resurrected.

KING SHOOTS THIRTY TIGERS.

New York, Dec. 28.—A Calcutta dispatch to-day says that the latest news from King George's shooting camp in Nepal is that His Majesty has shot 30 tigers and 13 rhinoceroses.

THRONE ACCEPTS PREMIER'S PROPOSAL

DECIDES TO ABIDE BY DECISION OF CONFERENCE

Doubt as to Whether Revolutionists Will Consent to Long Delay

Pekin, Dec. 28.—6 p. m.—The throne has agreed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai's suggestion to refer the question of the future government of China to a national conference and to abide by its decision whatever it may be.

The dowager empress, Premier Yuan and the Manchu princes debated throughout the entire morning the scheme for calling together a convention of the delegates from all parts of the empire to decide on the form of government which shall prevail in China.

Prince Ching, former premier and minister of foreign affairs, urged the acceptance of the proposal. Prince Yu Lang, member of the grand council, and Prince Tsai Tao, former minister of war and brother of the present Prince Regent, on the other hand, strenuously opposed the scheme.

Those among the Manchu princes present who were in favor of the acceptance of the proposal finally prevailed and the decision was reached to leave the settlement of the future form of government in the hands of delegates selected by the national commission.

The cabinet has been instructed to draw up the regulations which shall govern the national convention and to inform the delegates to the peace conference at Shanghai that the throne is willing to abide by the decision of a representative commission, no matter what form of government it may choose.

In view of the activities of the Shanghai revolutionaries the imperial government officials consider it to be doubtful whether the rebels will agree to the long delay in the calling of a national convention. The action of the throne leaves no doubt that the advisers of the regent and the emperor are prepared for abdication should that course prove to be the only way of settlement.

May Leave Pekin.

London, Dec. 28.—A telegram from Tien Tsin to the Exchange Telegram Company says that the imperial family has decided to leave Pekin. The decision will be announced at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Revolutionists Incensed.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Paris edition of the New York Herald says the Republicans have received unimpeachable information that Japan is influencing Prince Ching, the ex-premier, and Premier Yuan Shi Kai against a republic and they are wildly excited at this state of affairs. They declare that unless Premier Yuan announces a definite policy immediately they will resume hostilities on Sunday.

A strong protest also is being framed, says the dispatch, and will be sent to Tokio, warning Japan that responsibility for the resumption of hostilities will be on her shoulders.

Troops Face Starvation.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28. — The students of Fong Yuan college at Canton, 1,000 in number, have formed a fighting corps and are preparing to move to Shanghai to join the rebels, according to a dispatch received here to-day by the Chinese Free Press.

Another dispatch to the same paper, dated Shanghai, stated that the revolutionary leaders were preparing to go ahead with the formation of the new republic regardless of the conference, but Premier Yuan proposes to call a convention to determine the form of government.

Starvation faces the imperial troops now holding the cities of Han Yang and Hankow, it was learned to-day in a dispatch received by the Ching Sai Yat Po, a local Chinese daily. A proposal was said to have been made to the British consul that the imperial troops be allowed to evacuate, yielding the places to the rebels. They insisted, however, on taking their arms with them and the matter was referred to the Pekin government.

RUSSIANS ASSUME CONTROL AT TABRIZ

APPOINT GOVERNOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE

Foreigners in Persian City Are Running Short of Provisions

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The appointment of a Russian governor and chief of police for the city of Tabriz in Persia and the assumption by the Russians of the financial control of affairs there, together with the question of exclusively Russian courts of law, are reported to-day in the semi-official Novoe Vremya which says: "Punishment will be meted out to the Persians. This is not the most difficult problem to be solved. A task, which is made complicated and equally important is the introduction into Persia by Russian authority of severe and firm but just administration. Persians must remember the bloody war of December and stay the advance of Russian troops, not only by an iron repression of the revolt but by the establishment of an orderly system; not only by fear but by gratitude."

The semi-official statement issued last evening says the Russian government, in view of "acts of foolhardy aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Resht and Ensell, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the dead," has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited, and Russian commanders, in conjunction with Russian consuls, are instructed to adopt the most stringent measures. These matters, as set forth in the statement, include the arrest and trial by court-martial of all participants in the attacks, the disarmament of the Eaidas and other troublesome elements.

The telephone line to Julfa has been cut according to a dispatch from Tabriz. Julfa is a small town in Transcaucasia, on the Aras river, less than a hundred miles from Tabriz. It was from this port that the Russian reinforcements were despatched to Tabriz seven days ago.

About 200 Caucasion Faidas, including a number of leaders, fled that night to Karadagh, with the intention, it is believed, of crossing the Russian frontier. A Russian guard has been placed over the Russian bank, and the citadel from which the Russian flag flies is occupied by a Russian rifle regiment.

The Fifth Chasseurs, an artillery detachment, has forced its way through to Baghyhicemel, a suburb of Tabriz, to protect Russian forces gathered there.

Feeling against America is indicated by the fact that Russia has "boycotted" the name of W. Morgan Shuster, the American, who has been driven away from his post as treasurer-general of Persia in obedience to Russia's demand. For several days the newspapers have avoided mention of him. The foreign ministry declared it knows nothing about him. It was satisfied when Persia accepted Russia's terms, which called for his dismissal. It was only when Paris newspapers of Sunday reached St. Petersburg this afternoon that the people here saw the New York dispatches which spoke of the possibility of Washington supporting a claim by Shuster for compensation because Persia yielded to "superior forces." If Washington submits to St. Petersburg any grievance by Shuster, Ambassador Bakhmetieff will be immediately recalled. The Russian government holds the Shuster messages, published in American papers, were sufficiently insulting to entitle her to give Persia the option of war or his dismissal.

Punitive Expedition Probable.

London, Dec. 28.—The London morning papers print editorials dealing with the gravity of Persian affairs and on the necessity of action on the outrage against the British consul at Shiraz, and of taking adequate measures to uphold British prestige in view of the evident impotence of the Persian authorities to maintain order. Generally greater anxiety is betrayed over the outcome of the complicated situation that has arisen and doubts are expressed as to whether it will be possible to preserve Persia as an independent buffer state between Russia and India. The radical papers are dismayed at the drastic measures Russia proposes to take at Tabriz and Ensell, which they declare point to a general policy of annihilation, for which Great Britain under the Anglo-Russian agreement will be held responsible throughout the east.

The Times correspondent telegraphs: "Infantry from Jask and all available ships, it is reported, have been ordered to Bushirl, a seaport 125 miles from Shiraz, and a punitive expedition is thought likely. The people of Teheran appear to be cowed by the Russian excesses at Tabriz. The ministers, alarmed at the anger of the populace, have issued an announcement that elections will be held a week hence, but that announcement is not believed. The principal candidate for treasurer-general is Ameer Mujahid, the bakhtiary, whose knowledge of arithmetic is defective, but who is reported to have the deepest acquisitiveness of all his acquisitive tribe. His candidature throws a lurid light on the bakhtiary's support of the cabinet."

Russian advices from Tabriz report that fighting was resumed yesterday. Five persons were killed and four wounded in the Russian consulate in that city. The other consulates were safe.

The latest messages from Tabriz say that foreigners there are in a bad plight. They are confined to their houses owing to the continued fighting in the streets and are running short of provisions with no prospect of obtaining further supplies.

Advices from Shiraz to the foreign office say that reports from the acting governor of the city of Kazeroon give hope that W. A. Smart, the British consul at Shiraz, who disappeared during the fighting between the Persians and an Indian escort near Kazeroon is alive and will be brought back to Kazeroon.

Persia's reply to the Russian ultimatum concerning the appointment of future foreign advisors has been formally agreed on in the following modified form: "The Persian government, in view of its strong desire always to maintain cordial relations with Great Britain and Russia, will, in the future, be careful when engaging foreign officers for the re-organization of departments of state that an appointment be not made in a way which would be likely to injure the lawful interests of the two governments in Persia. To this end the Persian government will beforehand exchange views with the British and Russian legations at Teheran."

RAILWAYS FIGHT FOR IMMIGRANTS

G. T. P. WANTS ITS SHARE OF TRAFFIC

Is Offering Bonus of $3 Per Head to the Steamship Companies

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The fight between the railways over the immigrant traffic between American ports and the Canadian northwest has resolved itself into a contest between the Grand Trunk Company on the one hand and the New York Central in conjunction with its ally, the Canadian Pacific, on the other.

The fare for steamship immigrants between American Atlantic ports and Winnipeg has for a long time past been $25, and the steamship companies have been paid a bonus of $1.50 per head on all immigrants booked through to the metropolis.

The immigrants for Canada landing at Boston, New York or Philadelphia, have hitherto been imported to either Montreal or Prescott and thence by Canadian Pacific lines to Western Canada.

Since the Grand Trunk Pacific has come into operation in Western Canada, however, the company has evinced a desire to get a share of the immigrant traffic from American ports.

This has been refused by the Trunk Line Association, which has declined to put the Grand Trunk into the immigrant traffic schedule at all.

"The railways west of Chicago," said Mr. W. E. Davis, general traffic manager for the Grand Trunk, to-day, "are a unit in supporting our demands; so are the trans-Atlantic steamship lines, and only the New York Central has opposed them. As the Trunk Line Association still absolutely refused to put us in the tariff at all, we have taken the matter into our own hands by offering $3 per head bonus to the shipping companies, instead of the $1.50 they are getting from other companies. It is not a reduction of fares, but simply recognition in the tariff that we want."

TELEGRAPH TOLLS.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The railway board has definitely fixed on January 8 as the date for the general inquiry into the tariffs of tolls of telegraph companies and the settlement of the proper form for telegraph companies to use.

DYNAMITE USED TO CHECK FLAMES

Many Buildings Wiped Out by Fire in Golden City in the Porcupine

Toronto, Dec. 28.—A bulletin from Golden City, in the Porcupine district, received here about 2.30, says half the business section of Golden City is in flames. Thirty stores were completely gutted.

Another Report.

Cobalt, Dec. 28.—Fire started at an early hour this morning in Golden City, Porcupine, and at one time it seemed as if the entire town would go. By the use of dynamite to blow up some buildings the flames were prevented from spreading to the residential part. The recording office was also saved by this means. Fire swept up King street destroying Evans & Co.'s store, Forbes & Laub's stores, saloons, the Strathcona House and several other stores and buildings.

The loss is estimated at $66,000.

MORE THAN FIFTY MEN SUCCUMB

PTOMAINE POISONING CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

Inmates of Berlin Municipal Shelters Die on Way to Hospitals

Berlin, Dec. 28.—More than fifty deaths from ptomaine poisoning have occurred since December 26, at the municipal shelter for the homeless in Froebel street. Fifteen more of the destitute men died last night and this morning, while sixty or seventy others are seriously ill. New cases are being rushed to the hospitals so fast that statistics cannot be kept.

The affair has assumed such proportions that doubts are being expressed as to whether the deaths were due, as at first believed, to the eating of decayed smoked herring which the homeless people brought with them to the shelter to eke out the scanty diet provided there. A considerable number of cases have been reported from another municipal shelter and from the jail. The authorities, however, still adhere to the original theory.

Symptoms of some of the patients correspond to those of cholera, but several post-mortems have disproved absolutely the cholera theory. Many of the victims to-day as well as yesterday succumbed in thirty or thirty-five minutes after they were attacked.

The ambulances, starting from the shelter to go to hospitals, had in many cases to change their destination and go to the morgue instead as the patients had died on the way. Others expired in the shelter before they could be given attention.

The symptoms of the poisoning are fainting, which is followed by violent vomiting and death. The superintendent of the asylum expresses the opinion, based on one of the post-mortem examinations, that the deaths have not been due to fish but to deliberate poisoning. In spite of rumors among the destitute classes which patronize this institution that there has been a deliberate plot against the inmates the various shelters scattered about the city were last night even more crowded than before. Over 4,500 men took refuge in the main station and a crowd of persons were present the whole night receiving reports of additional cases. Many of those who have been taken sick, have, it is said, been victims of suggestions. They display the critical symptoms, but on examination prove not to have been poisoned. The police are trying to establish responsibility but thus far have been unsuccessful.

The municipal shelter of Berlin provides sleeping accommodations and a meal to any destitute person who seeks refuge there at night. In the course of the last 12 months it has given shelter to more than 1,000,000 persons. In the winter months the number of inmates nightly averages from four and five thousand men, besides a large number of women and the cost of providing for them is met by an appropriation out of the city treasury.

CINNIBAR FOUND IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Discovery on Ground Hog River Causes Excitement—Many Claims Staked

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Wm. Welsh, who has arrived from the north, has brought more extensive information of the discovery of cinnabar, as mercury ore is called, which was made a few days ago near Porcupine district and excited great interest among mining men, as this is practically the first instance of its existence in Canada.

"Yes, discoveries of mercury have been made," said Mr. Welsh. "They are on a number of claims at Ground Hog on the Ground Hog river, east of Cochrane. The stuff is said to be present in quantity and about twenty claims have been staked out there. The find is the whole topic of conversation in Porcupine just now, and it means the creation of a new mining industry if the results are as satisfactory as the indications are."

A number of samples have been taken out for analysis and are supposed to have shown quicksilver present in paying quantities. As quicksilver is used to separate silver from its compound, a market for it could be found right in the mining country itself.

COLD WAVE.

New York, Dec. 28.—A cold wave from the west took possession of New York to-day. At an early hour the thermometer was hovering a dozen degrees below freezing and a high northwest wind was rattling the high boardings and whistling through the trees in the squares. The weather man confirmed the advent of the cold wave by prophesying light snow and still lower temperatures.

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NE TEMERE CASE IN DUBLIN COURT

Irish Catholic Farmer Seeks Annulment of Mid-Night Marriage

London, Dec. 28.—The "ne temere" decree is now before Justice Kenny and a special jury in Dublin, in a case where an Irish Catholic farmer seeks a declaration that his secret midnight marriage with a Catholic servant in his mother's employment, is null and void, because, though celebrated by the prish priest, it was performed before one witness instead of two, as required by the decree of the Council of Trent and the "ne temere" decree.

A large array of leading counsel on each side are arguing for and against the validity of the decrees in relation to the common law of Ireland.

The respondent's counsel's contention is that, while as a Catholic, he has every respect for the decrees of his church, they are absolutely without legal force or effect in an English-governed country.

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PERSIANS TELL OF TABRIZ MASSACRE

Declare Russians Killed Many Innocent Men and Women

London, Dec. 28.—The Russian government has decided upon stern measures to terminate troubles at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. Doubts have been increased as to whether Persian independence ever will be restored to even the feeble status it had before this last assault by Russia. If parliament were sitting, undoubtedly there would be some questioning of the government and an arraignment of the foreign office.

The Persia committee, composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs, has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tabriz, sent through the Persian society in Constantinople:

"On December 21, Russian troops attacked and seized the administration buildings. They shot children and killed innocent men and women. They also looted the shops. The inhabitants after extraordinary forbearance began to defend themselves and forced the Russians to vacate the government offices.

"On December 22 the Russians bombarded the city until sunset, consternation increasing hourly.

"On December 23, in consequence of orders to cease fighting, the inhabitants took no steps to defend themselves, but the Russians renewed the bombardment, firing from the environs of their consulate at women and other innocent persons. They wounded or made captive the wives and children of many respectable citizens and set fire to numerous buildings and mosques.

"We beg you to communicate this telegram to the principal newspapers and influential countries."

ARRAIGNS TRUSTS.

Cleveland, Ore., Dec. 28.—Senator A. La Follette, speaking in his campaign for the presidency here last night presented an arraignment of the trusts and an enunciation of his ideas for the cure of evils resulting from the present system of government.

Mr. LaFollette launched into a discussion of Elbert H. Gary's plan for federal regulation of prices as a relief from monopoly. Mr. LaFollette said he had no patience with this method. In his analysis he went further and said that ultimately the government would have to fix the prices of labor, hours of employment and compensation of original producers in order to fix accurately the prices to be offered the consumers.

Instead of the Gary plan or the Taft plan of a federal license for corporations, Senator LaFollette proposed his own plan for a commission on restraints of trade, to relieve the country of the condition in which he finds it. The senator saw great evil in the growth of the trusts.

Although Senator LaFollette made no direct reference to the president nor suggested his own candidacy, he included in his speech a denunciation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

CAMORRISTS' TRIAL STILL DRAGS ALONG

Taking of Evidence Hampered by Frequent Tilts in the Courtroom

Viterbo, Italy, Dec. 28.—Although the trial of the Camorrists is dragging slowly along, the public is indifferent on account of the war. It is the intention of the authorities to push the hearing through to the end. The taking of evidence in the hearing, which has been going on since early last March, has been greatly hampered by the clashes which are daily occurring between the witnesses and the prisoners, and sometimes between the opposing counsels. The jurors have made no request for the discontinuance of the trial, as has been reported, but they say they will be greatly relieved when it is over.

GOLD-SEEKERS' TRIP.

Will Attempt to Cross Territory Untrodden by Whites.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—News was received in Ottawa from Frank W. Porter, one of the members of the Ungava gold expedition which left Dane, in the Nipissing mining district, on the overland trail about a month ago. The letter was posted at the last Hudson Bay post from which mail could be sent on the route of the gold seekers. The party have with them provisions sufficient to last a year, but in case of emergency have firearms, and expect to augment their supplies with what wild game they may be able to kill on the trail. The party is made up of eight experienced prospectors and explorers, several of whom have had experience in the Klondike, and who went into that country over the old Edmonton and White Pass trails. The party is headed by Will Donaldson, of Cobalt, also a Klondike miner, and former manager of the City of Cobalt and Wyando mines at Cobalt.

Among old bushmen the trip is looked upon as an extremely hazardous one. The party will go over and into territory unexplored and supposedly untrodden by white men. This particular territory is almost totally uninhabited, except by a few roving tribes of Eskimos who give the white man a wide berth.

The letter was brought to the nearest post office by a party of Indian fur traders, and was written on December 2. All were well, the letter stated, and the party was to leave the post that afternoon to continue its way into the wilderness. With the Indians at the post the coming of the party was a big event. The members of the expedition are each equipped with fur-lined suits, with Capuchin coats, sealskin boots and leggings ,etc., and are fully prepared for the hardships they will have to endure.

It transpires that the party, which is headed for the northeastern shores of Hudson Bay, is making the desperate trip to head off two American boats, which it is reported are outfitting at Boston and New York to proceed to the placer grounds said to have been located by the Roy brothers, French-Canadian trappers, three years ago. One of the Roys is a member of the Donaldson party.

WILL NOT ANNUL MARRIAGE.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane of an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duchess of Tallerand and Sagan. Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of their three children on November 14, 1906. About a year ago Count Boni appealed to the vatican for annulment of the marriage.

Count Boni came to Rome on December 20 for the purpose of using all possible influence to obtain his object. In this he was not opposed by the Duchess of Tellerand. The decision of the congregation of the council, however, which was communicated to him yesterday, rejected his petition for the annulment.

Count Boni departed to-night for Paris. It is thought that he will bring forward new points on which to base another application for annulment.

BURNED TO DEATH IN JAIL.

St. Helena, Cal., Dec. 28.—An itinerant umbrella mender, whose name is unknown, was burned to death in the jail here. He had been drinking and because he raised a disturbance was locked up. It is believed his bedding caught fire from matches he had in his pockets.

The jail building is of stone and was not damaged. When the firemen extinguished the blaze in the man's cell they found the body burned almost to a crisp.

PRISON AND "CAT" FOR HOLDUP MEN

Three Men Get Twelve Years in Penitentiary and Twenty-Four Lashes

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Police Magistrate Macdonald meted out severe sentences to some of the hold-up men who have recently been terrorizing outlying districts of the city. Luigi Gianimi, Jose Proteno and N. Nettiore got twelve years each in the penitentiary and 24 lashes for robbery with attempt to kill on the evening of December 11, the victim being George Kereous, 28 Cathedral street, who was set upon and severely stabbed. Einar Einarson and Norman Garfield, convicted of a hold-up at St. Boniface, got three years each in the reformatory.

ENDS HIS LIFE.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—For reasons at present unknown to police or coroner, William Perry Kniffer, a Canadian, 23 years of age, took his life by drinking carbolic acid. He took the fatal draught at 927 Pender street east. The young man was employed at the Hastings sawmill. Kniffer was a married man. The police are investigating the circumstances of the man's death and the events leading up to it.

HEARSE WRECKED.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—While a funeral cortege was on its way from a Mission undertaking establishment to a Greek church where services were to be held, a street car skidded and struck and overturned the hearse, throwing the casket containing the body of Mrs. Barbara Rogali to the pavement. The hearse was wrecked and the glass front of the casket was broken out exposing the corpse. A new hearse was sent for, however, and the procession continued.

IMPRISONED IN CAR.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 28.—Still grasping two small sterling silver souvenir spoons which he had bought for his mother and sister at Woodstock near Portland, Ore., as Christmas gifts, Eddie L. Crosswhite, 15 years old, who said he ran away several weeks ago to hunt for Indians and venture in the southwest, was dragged more dead than alive from a refrigerator car in the Santa Fe yards here.

The temperature was eight below zero and the car was packed with ice to preserve a delayed shipment of Christmas fruits. He will recover and will be sent to his home.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—The city council yesterday appropriated $10,000 to be used in the payment for work to be provided for the unemployed now in this city. The purpose of the measure is twofold. Primarily the money is to furnish sufficient work for those who are out of employment to enable them to live, and to weed out the hobo element, sending them out of town or to the city rock pile. The work will consist of grubbing stumps in the city parks, breaking rock at the city's quarry for streets and road building. With the arrival of winter, these men have been thrown out of employment and have flocked to Portland, augmented by a horde of loafers.

URGES STRINGENT MEASURES.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Dr. Pelletier, secretary of the provincial board of health, last night made the following statement:

"The provincial board of health has heard that smallpox is epidemic in the city of Quebec, and that measures taken by the local board of health seem insufficient to cope with the situation.

"Such a state of affairs in the capital of a province is to be regretted, seeing that a session of the legislature is to be opened next week in that city; consequently, unless the local authorities immediately undertake more stringent measures, the people who have to be in Quebec during the session will do so with the risk of taking the disease."

The mayor of Quebec last night issued a denial saying there were only a few cases of smallpox, the balance being chickenpox.

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Mayor of Chicago Decides New Year's Eve Festivities May Be Held as Usual

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Prayer service was held in many churches last night for the purpose of swaying, if possible, the action of Mayor Harrison in announcing that the New Year's eve celebrations in downtown hotels and cafes would be allowed to go on this year as formerly.

Earlier in the day the mayor received several letters and he indicated that the prayers would be lost. He said he had no intention of rescinding his order. He made the further announcement that the so-called revelry would not be interfered with up to 3 o'clock New Year's morning. The mayor's action in setting aside the 1 o'clock ordinance will open the floodgates of intemperance and rowdyism, was the statement of the ministers.

At Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—"Be happy, but quiet," is the injunction Los Angeles must obey while bidding welcome to 1912, according to the police officials to-day. No riot of mirth or unseemly noises, no public singing or confetti-throwing will be permitted. Saloons will be closed on every Sunday and restaurants must cease selling liquor promptly at midnight. It was said that last year's celebration of the passing of the old year by Anbelinos included an item of approximately $61,775 for champagne.

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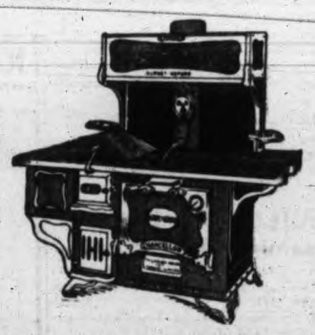

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MEXICAN TROOPS TO BE REINFORCED

General Reyes Faces Death Sentence or Ten Years in the Penitentiary

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—A body of troops consisting of nearly 1,000 rurales has been ordered from the provinces of Neuvo Leon and Tamaipais to the province of Morelos to co-operate in the campaign against General Emilio Zapata. In the opinion of government officials the releasing of troops in the northern districts through the collapse of the Reyes movement will lead to the speedy elimination of General Zapata.

Death may be the penalty General Bernardo Reyes will pay for his effort to overthrow President Madero. The least he can expect is ten years' imprisonment. The Mexican law provides these extremes for the crime of inciting rebellion.

It is not generally believed the extreme penalty will be inflicted, but a term in the penitentiary for the venerable prisoner, with his 74 years, will doubtless be the equivalent.

A military court, drawn by lot from those eligible to service, will pass judgment on him. The court will consist of two generals of division and five brigadiers, with Gen. Alexandro Pezo, chief of Reyes' staff when he was minister of war under President Diaz, as presiding officer. Gen. Pezo long has been chief magistrate of the military court.

Although he had retired from the army, Gen. Reyes was entitled under military usage to receive honor from the army as though in active service.

On the other hand, as a retired officer he is liable to punishment by a military court for offences committed against the army. His offence consisted in calling upon the army to rise in rebellion.

Orders have been sent to General Trevino at Monterey to have Reyes brought to the capital at the earliest possible date. It is expected he will arrive here by the end of the present week, and that little time will be lost in placing him on trial.

Takes All Blame.

Linares, Mex., Dec. 28.—"I alone am responsible and wish to assume all blame for the affair," said General Bernardo Reyes here. "I ask clemency and even pardon for the few men who followed me, but for myself I ask nothing. I shall, of course, be judged according to law."

Reyes said the situation had been misrepresented to him.

"I was told," he said, "that as soon as I would cross the border the country would rise, that in Chiva alone there were awaiting 600 men. Do you know how many I found there? One man, and so I judged the situation. Although too late, at last I realized the people wanted no more war. I might have maintained a guerrilla warfare, but I considered that unjustifiable and determined to surrender. Now my desire is that I may be the only victim. With my own ashes I hope to be able to suffocate the flame of revolt."

Test of Madero's Strength.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The treatment to be accorded Gen. Bernardo Reyes, now that he has surrendered, is expected to prove a conclusive test of the stability of the Madero government. Under the Mexican military code, the punishment prescribed for rebellion is death, but state department officials are inclined to believe such a sentence will not be imposed.

It is believed that the military commission that will try Gen. Reyes will convict him, but the verdict, it is said, will be accompanied by a recommendation for clemency. President Madero himself is the only agency who can exercise the pardoning power, and his action, it is believed, will demonstrate the degree of confidence he feels in his own ability to maintain a true republican form of government in Mexico.

American Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, and Consul-General Hanna, at Monterey, Mexico, to-day confirmed to the state department the surrender of Gen. Bernardo Reyes near Linares.

DISORDER AT TABRIZ.

Tabriz, Dec. 28. (Via St. Petersburg.)—A mob of reactionaries, after demonstrating against the constitution in the streets of Tabriz yesterday, destroyed the building of the Constitutional Club. They then proceeded to the residence of Shua Ed. Dowleh, a former cabinet minister, and requested him to assume the administration of the province of Azerbaijan. It is reported that Shua Ed Dowleh would not accept.

WOMAN SUCCUMBS.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—Overcome by poisonous fumes from a gas water-heater, Mrs. M. E. Meyers was found unconscious in the bathroom of her home Tuesday and died without regaining consciousness. A year ago the same heater overcame Harry Otterson, a boarder, who after hovering between life and death several days, recovered.

PRESIDENT OF WHITE PASS.

Chicago, Dec. 28. — Announcement was made to-day of the election of L. Dickerson as president of the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company. Mr. Dickerson formerly was special inspector of transportation for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad and about a year ago was made general manager of the road of which he is now president.

SEEK TO EXCLUDE AMERICAN JEWS

Nationalists Submit Proposal in Russian Douma—The Tariff War

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A supplementary legislative proposal of a frankly prohibitive character was introduced by the Nationalists in the Douma, yesterday It is aimed directly at the United States. According to its terms, American citizens of the Jewish religion are to be totally excluded from Russia, and in the second place customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American. In that case a duty equalling the American duty will be collected. The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary to deal with the importation of American agricultural machinery.

A proposal introduced in the Douma by ex-President Guickoff, providing for an increase in the tariff of American products imported into Russia, has stirred business circles. The National Council of the Congresses of Industry and Commerce met here yesterday to discuss the subject while the central committee of the Octoberists has been summoned to meet at Moscow. M. Guickoff explained that the proposed duty on American cotton signified a menace to the United States, but that the measure would be subjected to serious consideration before it was adopted. The Douma has already voted to submit the proposal to the financial committee.

Proposed Boycott.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The movement in Russia to boycott American machinery is growing. The state department was advised yesterday that members of the council at Moscow and Kursk have petitioned the Douma to act.

IS IN FAVOR OF CHINESE REPUBLIC

Premier's Representative Replies to Cable Sent by Six Companies

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Tang Shao Yi, Imperial peace commissioner at Shanghai, informed the Chinese Six Companies by cable yesterday that he is heartily in favor of the republican form of government for China and will do all he can towards its establishment.

This message was in answer to one sent by the Six Companies calling on the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai to support the republic movement, stating that this was the only form of government wanted by the Chinese in America.

Shanghai Conference.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—An informal meeting between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi, the leaders of the revolutionists and imperialists, respectively, at the peace conference, took place yesterday when Yuan Shi Kai's proposal to submit the future form of government of China to a special national assembly was considered. There is reason to believe that, while in principle the revolutionaries agree to this proposal, they are not ready to consent to the delay because they fear that the imperialists will take the opportunity to strengthen their forces and finances.

Japan's Attitude.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—At a conference between the members of the Japanese cabinet and some of the elder statesmen it was decided, according to the Kokumin Shimbun and the Yamato, that in the event of the Chinese rebels insisting on a republic, Japan would place no obstacles in the way. This political aim is calculated to best maintain the territorial integrity of China. Both of the newspapers mentioned are organs of Prince Katsura, formerly premier and minister of finance, who was present at the conference.

GIFT TO CHURCH.

Brantford, Dec. 28.—Announcement has been made here that Major R. W. Leonard, chairman of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, has offered to donate funds to Grace church sufficient to erect a tower with a chime of bells. It is understood that the entire structure will cost $60,000. The tower will be a memorial to Major Leonard's father and mother, who were well-known workers in Grace church for many years. In connection with the improvements the sum of $23,000 has been subscribed in addition for a handsome parish hall. The gift of Major Leonard is entirely unconditional, and, it is understood, has been accepted by the church authorities.

Rev. H. F. D. Woodcock, M. A., has resigned as curate of Grace church, and will accept the call to the Oakville Anglican church.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Edmonds, Burnaby, Dec. 28.—Leaving his companions to celebrate the advent of Christmas with song and feasting, Charles Vasseur, a French workman, shot and killed himself in a tent near here on Christmas Eve. The shot that ended Vasseur's life resounded through the woods and Vasseur's fellow workmen, having suspected for some time that he was feeling despondent, realized at once what had happened and rushed to his tent.

They found the man lying on the floor with his head blown to pieces from the discharge of one barrel of a shotgun, which was lying beside him. It is thought that Vasseur deliberately committed suicide on account of worry over money. Last Thursday some of the men in camp noticed that he was writing a great many letters, and when one of them asked the reason for the sudden activity he replied that it might be the last time that he wrote to any of his friends.

Vasseur was a native of France and was working in Burnaby for Messrs. Campagne & Brun who have a clearing contract. The deceased has four brothers in British Columbia and another at his old home in France.

CANOE FATALITY.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 28.—The body of Benj. H. Williams, a student of the Oregon Agricultural College, registered from Pasadena, Calif., who was drowned on Tuesday in the upsetting of his canoe was recovered yesterday. Bert Cole, a companion who was in the canoe with Williams, saved himself.

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SHOULD there have been any that you overlooked remembering when buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget that New Year offers an opportunity to remedy your forgetfulness. We are now ready to supply your wants either for New Year gifts or for the additional furniture required for your own home. Our prices are most reasonable and we are sure you will be able to find suitable articles for presentation or for your own use at prices well within your purse capacity. Deliveries made when required. We pack and ship country orders free. WE GIVE A DISCOUNT OF TEN PER CENT FROM REGULAR PRICES FOR SPOT CASH.

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Mahogany finish Parlor Table of neat design Top 24x24, with shelf below. Turned legs with brass trimmed feet and glass balls beneath.
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Many others to select from.

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Pretty high grade Mahogany Parlor Arm Chair, spring seat, rich silk upholstery.
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TABOO BOXING FOR GIRLS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Boxing among the girls of Los Angeles High school was put under a ban yesterday. Dr. Everett C. Beach, physical director of the city high schools, said it was not the aim of the instructors to turn out a generation of feminine fighters and that there was no desire to develop an unnaturally combative disposition "which would interfere with the natural laws of the home."

"Suppose a pretty girl's nose was broken while boxing," said Dr. Beach, "it would probably mean permanent disfigurement and might seriously injure her social prospects."

TRADED INDIAN WOMAN.

Visalia, Cal., Dec. 28.—Bill Scott, a half-breed Indian, beat to death "Schoolhouse" Mary, a squaw, with a club in the mountains near Orosi. A posse headed by Sheriff Collins is searching for the murderer, who is expected to give battle when the pursuers come upon him. "Schoolhouse Jack," another Indian, is said to have traded Mary to Bill Scott a year ago for a saddle blanket and a jug of whisky.

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LAND SPECULATION.

The morning paper yesterday dealt somewhat exhaustively with a topic which it was pleased to designate "Fraudulent Flotations," the commendable article in its editorial columns referring particularly to real estate flotations in countries outside of British Columbia. We agree with our contemporary that the subject is one difficult to deal with, as in every new country rapid settlement and rising commercial centres along new lines of railway, with the consequent rapid increase in land values, offer temptations for speculation that are difficult of resistance. The opportunities for money making that arise are numerous and ordinarily too safe to be passed up by those who have even a small amount of ready cash to invest. That unscrupulous persons will take advantage of an avaricious public is to be expected, when the nature of some of these land transactions is bound to be purely speculative. But it is the covetous and avaricious investor who is likely to be bitten rather than the deliberative purchaser who takes care and investigates before risking his savings. In our opinion the dealer who takes advantage of the rapacious and greedy, but often foolish, speculator is little more culpable than the men who buy his property. Like every other good thing, it is the abuse and not the proper use of the system which is evil. With one piece of advice which our contemporary tenders we cordially agree. The Colonist says:

"Of good British Columbia investments there are many, and will be more, and there is not the least necessity for any person to invest his money in fraudulent propositions. If we could reach the ear of British investors generally, we should say to them: Do not buy into anything on the strength of an advertisement, but consult some trustworthy person, who will advise you as to the responsibility of the promoters and the bona fides of what they propose."

Having said this, however, we desire to point out that no stream can rise higher than its source and no standard of morality can be expected of the people of any country higher than that which is exemplified by those who rule over them. Nor can anyone be held culpable for what our contemporary calls fraudulent flotations when the perilous example of such flotations is set before the public by the government of a province.

The Times publishes to-day the story of the Hazelton townsites, in the discredit of which the government—though not actually responsible for—was certainly too closely associated with in one of the most distressing features of the deals which are now a reproach. The counsel offered by the Colonist as to the advisability of investigation before purchase should be considered unnecessary when the government of a province is jointly associated with a railway corporation in the sale of lands. What our contemporary calls the "bona fides" of a land sale should require no better guarantee than that it is undertaken and conducted under the aegis of a government. And we do not see how it is possible for the government to escape its just share in the scathing denunciation of the action of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company in the Hazelton case which was delivered by Judge Maybee in his ruling.

The government sale of lots in the Stewart townsite was even a worse case of fleecing the public than the case referred to above. In the Stewart case the government advertised and sold lands for phenomenal prices—running up to many times their speculative value—when an ounce of common sense must have told anyone familiar with the conditions in and around Stewart that it must be many years before the properties could rise to such figures. Whatever may be the future of Stewart—and we do not in any sense disparage its prospects—the competition for the properties sold by the government, developed by the system of public auction adhered to, was unhealthy and must work harm. The government encourages by this system what is in reality a lottery, and it has not been sufficiently scrupulous in the advertising matter which it has permitted its agents to circulate in arousing public interest and exciting victims for such auction sales.

While real estate men have before them the example of the government in such cases as the two we have named, it is idle for newspapers to moralize on the situation or advise caution in investment. There have doubtless been some transactions in British Columbia which have strained the quality of justice somewhat severely, but there have been none such conducted by private individuals which have carried on their face such prima facie evidence of security as those behind which the government has stood. And it may be unreservedly stated that few of the doubtful transactions have been so tacitly know to be unfair to the investing public as these two cases in which the government had a large share of responsibility.

The Times would therefore add to the sage advice of its morning contemporary, as a necessary suggestion to the British public, that the fact of a sale of townsites, or reputedly prospective commercial centres, being advertised in the name of the provincial government does not carry with it the guarantee of security that it should. Such speculative opportunities as the government offers in order to increase its revenue and maintain its laudable surplus do not obviate the necessity for close inspection. They require it equally with many other tempting inducements to get rich quickly.

POLICING THE PACIFIC.

While the Canadian government is sucking its thumbs and meditating on the best way to block the development of a naval policy in keeping with the place of the Dominion in the chain of the Five Nations, Australia is giving the world a demonstration of how to take her position as a link in that chain. Not only are the land forces being brought up to a degree of numerical strength and trained efficiency commensurate with the population of the Commonwealth, but ten million dollars is to be expended this year in building upon the foundation of a navy. The government of Australia is alive to the responsibilities of the Anglo-Saxon people arising out of the prospect of the opening of the Panama Canal, and not only alive to the commercial possibilities but to the necessity of adequate policing of the waters of the Pacific ocean in the interests of the commerce of the Anglo-Saxon people.

In an address recently delivered in one of the coast cities of the United States Lieutenant J. J. Simons, of the Commonwealth forces, who has charge of the members of the Young Australian League touring America, referred briefly to the hope of the Australians that the United States will co-operate in the work of controlling the Pacific in the interest of free commence, secure from assault, and that the commercial and social relations between the two countries will become closer.

An American paper, commenting on the subject matter contained in the address, remarks:

"The suggestion is sure to meet with approval. Already the American export to Australia and New Zealand is extensive, and as the development of the two countries proceeds the exchange of products is bound to increase, Australia importing more extensively American manufactures, and the United States importing in greater quantities the raw materials of Australia, particularly wool, hard timber and meats.

"With but six millions of population and a government controlled by the working classes, the fact that Australia already has 100,000 trained soldiers and a considerable navy is evidence of a fine spirit of patriotism and a somewhat remarkable appreciation of its responsibilities and of faith in a great destiny."

With a broader view of the friendly relation which should exist between the overseas dominions and the American republic the paper goes on to say:

"Since the visit of the United States battleship fleet to Australia, the occasion of many striking demonstrations of popular esteem for this country by the people of the Island continent, the advisability of the co-operation of America and Australia in the work of policing the Pacific ocean has received the consideration of statesmen in both countries. With the federation of the Australian colonies the Australian people have developed a sense of responsibility, which was not so much in evidence before their participation in the colonial war in South Africa opened their eyes to the possibilities of their young nation in the way of military service to the empire. The completion of the Panama Canal will increase the commerce between Australia and the United States and will give new impetus to the development of the Pacific coast and the trade of the Pacific Ocean. The disturbances to commerce caused by the awakening of Asia are merely temperory and a prelude to a tremendous increase in the trade of the Orient, and the Australians realize, not only that the control of the Pacific is of first importance in the development of Australian commerce, but also that their country, which rigidly excludes Oriental immigration, is particularly attractive to the Japanese, the Chinese and other colonizing peoples bordering on the North Pacific. These are the reasons why Australia to-day has a trained force of 100,000 soldiers and the nucleus of a powerful, modern navy."

Men who exercise common sense in their estimate of the political relation of nations will agree that the sentiments expressed in the quotations we have made describe the essence of true progressive political economy. The Australians are not afraid to trade with any nation whose trade can be made to pay tribute to their own national progress. At the same time they are fully awakened to their share of responsibility for the maintenance of the integrity of the empire. At the present rate of progress they will have a national navy before Canada decides what she will do in this important matter.

The Australians have already decided, also, that their navy when it is increased is to be absolutely under the control of the Commonwealth though at the service of the empire when empire interests and integrity demand it. The Australian government is not controlled by a dominant element in its cabinet whose motto is "a bas la marine" nor by an element which is prepared for the sake of power to wreck the imperialism of the colony.

WELCOMING OUR COUSINS.

The party of forty "Australian boys" who arrive in Victoria this afternoon will have a fitting welcome in the series of events planned to make their visit memorable to them. The project initiated by our Australian cousins three years ago to send a large number of the most promising youths of the Commonwealth on a trip to the American Pacific coast cities was commendable and the extended plan of the tour to circle the globe is still more to be praised. The knowledge gleaned by these bright and observant lads will prove in after years to be one of their most valuable assets.

It is very fitting that, especially in Canadian cities, they should be so entertained as to carry away the very best impressions of a sister Dominion among the five nations. The Times cordially welcomes our Australian cousins and hopes their Victoria visit will be one of the most pleasant in the whole tour.

The signature to the very able and interesting article entitled "Trade Routes and the Future of Victoria," which appeared in last night's Times, should have been E. C. Mayers, LL.B., not E. C. "Maylos."

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Fifty men dead and more likely to die as a result of eating decayed fish. This is a story that comes from Berlin. Yet the Germans and the British Unionists are enamored of a fiscal system which taxes the food of the people and compels them to eat the flesh of horses and dogs, and sometimes worse things. The Berlin affair is but one incident considered worthy of publication of the fruits of high protection.

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The announcement of the death of Mr. E. B. Marvin, which appeared in last night's Times, would be read with sincere regret by the many friends of the deceased merchant. Mr. Marvin was for many years a prominent figure in Victoria as well as on of our leading business men. He was one of the pioneers of the province, and his departure makes another gap in the ranks of the rapidly diminishing ranks of the old-timers.

WOULDN'T LOOK WELL.

A slight accident had happened in repairing the track, and Murphy was sent to the office to report it. He was handed a blank to fill out and got along all right till he came to the section headed: Remarks. "If your plase, sorr," he said, beckoning to the clerk: "What's the trouble, Murphy?" he was asked. 'Well, y' see, sorr, it was Bill's big toe he crushed wid the hammer, an' Oi'd just as soon not put down the raymarks Bill made."

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MEN'S COAT SWEATERS—These are made of a good wool mixture and come in colors navy with green, navy with red and brown with green. Values like these are seldom offered. Special for Friday's shoppers, per garment $1.00

BOYS' SWEATERS—Made of a heavy wool mixture. They have a roll collar and are suitable for boys from 5 to 12 years old. There are colors navy blue, red and grey, with fancy stripe collars to choose from. No values that can compare with these at, per garment ..... 50¢

MEN'S RIBBED UNDERWEAR—These are heavy ribbed cotton underwear, with a fleece finish, are the famous Penman brand, and may be had in all sizes. Special inducements for Friday's shoppers, per garment ..... 75¢

MEN'S TAN KID GLOVES—The famous Dent make, are unlined, and unless we desired to clean out odd lots quickly we could not sell them at this low price. Per pair ..... 65¢

COMBINATION SETS OF GARTERS AND ARM BANDS—There are about six dozen of these left, and in order to make a rapid sale of them we are offering them at a price much lower than their real value. These are well suited for New Year gifts. Per set ..... 25¢

SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—With fleece back and elastic rib. They are in natural colors, and all sizes are to be had. Per garment ..... 75¢

IMPORTED WOOL SWEATERS FOR BOYS—These garments are made of high grade worsteds, are well knitted and come in a variety of colors and styles. Prices, according to size, from $1.00

FINE WOOL SWEATERS—Made to button on the shoulder or at the neck, also in the pull-over-the-head style. Colors blue, brown, red, reseda, dark green and white. All sizes, and prices ranging from $1.75 down to $1.15

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' PYJAMAS—These are made of good striped flannelette and finished with a silk cord frog. No more efficient garment could be desired for winter wear. Sizes to fit boys from 4 to 8 years old. Per garment .. $1.25
Sizes for boys from 10 to 16 years old. Per garment .. $1.50

SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—These are heavy elastic ribbed garments, in natural and tan colors. They are made of good cotton and are as warm as wool and have a smooth finish. Will not irritate the most sensitive skin. All sizes in this line at, per garment ..... 75¢

A Showing of Fancy Silk Waists at Modest Prices

In the View street windows we are showing a fine assortment of Women's Waists that we consider to be of specially good value.

STENCILED CHIFFON OVER NET WAISTS—These are a very handsome line, are stenciled in a variety of floral designs, and may be had in most sizes. Per garment ... $3.75

MOUSSELINE SHIRT WAISTS—These come in colors black, navy and grey, have soft collars and cuffs, and may be had in all sizes. Per garment, $4 and $5.75

CHIFFON OVER NET—In colors champagne and grey. They have peasant sleeves, yoke and small panel at the front of lace and finished at the neck with a plain band of silk. These are very attractive, and represent splendid value at, per garment $5.75

MOUSSELINE WAISTS—These have high necks of lace and net, kimono sleeves, side frills, and the sleeves are finished with a wide frill. An excellent value at, per garment, $7.50

$6.75 to $9.75 English and Austrian China Tea Sets, Friday $5.75

It is seldom that we are able to make such a big reduction, but this is a special purchase that should have arrived in time for the Christmas trade, but failed. In order to make a speedy clearance on Friday we are offering all these sets of 40 pieces each, consisting of 12 cups and saucers, 12 tea plates, 2 cake plates, 1 slop bowl, and 1 cream jug. These are all made of good English and Austrian china, and come in a variety of shapes and handsome designs to choose from. See the display in the View street windows. We consider them to be the best value that we have offered for a very long time, and after you have seen the myou will be satisfied that better values are not to be had. Per set, on Friday $5.75

Silk and Kid Gloves for Evening Wear

WHITE KID GLOVES—These are real French white glace kid gloves, 12-button length, and are a specially good value. All sizes at, per pair $2.00

FRENCH KID GLOVES—These come in colors mode, champagne, tan and black. They are a 16-button length glove at, per pair $2.50

SILK GLOVES—These are the Kaiser brand and you can choose between white or cream in 16 and 20-button lengths. These gloves are double tipped and all sizes are to be had at, per pair, $1.75 and $1.25

SILK GLOVES—In colors pink and blue. They are double tipped and are opera length. Per pair $1.75

TREFOUSSE WHITE GLACE KID GLOVES—12-button length. These are a reliable glove and are good value at, per pair $2.50

$2.75 Evening Scarfs for $1.00 Main Floor

EVENING SCARFS—We have just received a new shipment of these seasonable goods in all the newest shades. There are some handsomely tinseled with gold, in colors black, green and grey, and some tinseled with silver. These are our regular $2.75 line, but to-day we are selling them at, each $1.00

EVENING SCARFS—There are many dainty styles to choose from in this lot, and all the leading shades are here to choose from. Prices range from $1 up to $12.50

MOTOR VEILS—Here you will find a rare selection of these goods sold by the yard. They are a specially good quality for the price and are strongly recommended. Yard ... 50¢

NECK RUCHING—These are put up in fancy boxes and are our regular 50c line. To-day we are selling them at, per pagne, tan and black. They are a 16-button length gloev at.

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A STRANGE CASE.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

Summoned to serve upon a special jury in the King's Bench Division to-day, Sir George Douglas, of Springwood Park, Kelso, who has a town house in Ennismore Gardens, asked Mr. Justice Darling to excuse him from serving on the ground that he had not occupied the latter place for a year and a half. He said he had come from Scotland in answer to the summons, and wished to return at once.

Mr. Justice Darling—"Have you served on juries in Scotland?"

Sir George—"I have never done so, but I am liable."

Mr. Justice Darling—"Do you want to go back to Scotland?"

Sir George—"Yes".

Mr. Justice Darling—"When do you want to go back?—because I thought that Scotsmen never wanted to go back to Scotland." (Laughter.)

Sir George—"I want to go back immediately—to-morrow if I can."

Mr. Justice Darling—"As a temptation to stay you may earn a guinea if you care, but in the circumstances—a Scotsman wishing to return to Scotland when he might make money in England being so exceptional—I think I will excuse you." (Renewed laughter.)

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"MORAL" REALISTS.

William Dean Howells is a stout opponent of those novelists who, under the pretext of reforming their readers, write books about vice.

"Such writers," said Mr. Howells, at a luncheon at Kittery Point, Me., "remind me of a lad whose mother said to him:

"'Why, Johnny, I do believe you're teaching that parrot to swear.'

"'No, I'm not, mother,' the boy replied; 'I'm just telling it what it mustn't say.'"—New York Tribune

JAIL QUARANTINED.

Nelson, Dec. 28.—The provincial jail here is quarantined owing to a case of smallpox developing. The victim is Thomas Hart, of Cranbrook, who was sent with two other men from Cranbrook twelve days ago on a charge of fighting. Hart has been taken to the pest-house and the prisoners, the warden, the guards and the warden's family, have been vaccinated. A case of smallpox has also been discovered at the Vanroi mines. The mine has been quarantined.

RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION.

Charlottetown, Dec. 28.—Premier Mathieson was yesterday elected by acclamation, with his colleague, Temple McDonald, to the Prince Edward Island legislature. Other acclamations were: John MacLean, Conservative, in the first district of Kings; Hon. John Kickham, Conservative, also in the first district of Kings, and John A. Macdonald, Conservative, in the third district of Kings.

Nomination day passed off very quietly.

LESSONS IN HOUSEKEEPING.

New York, Dec. 28.—One hundred girl students in the Wadleigh high school here, who are taking a course in housekeeping, will adopt a baby and care for the child as a part of the work of the course. The pupils will take turns in washing and dressing the infant, feeding it, singing it to sleep and wheeling it in its go-cart.

PATROLMAN ROBBED.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Patrolman Timothy Moynihan, attached to the city treasurer's office, was attacked and robbed of $1,375 to-day while on his way from the city hall to the city garbage plant. The money was to have been used in paying the men.

Moynihan was attacked by two young men. One of them struck him with a billy and the other took the money. Both escaped. The officer's condition is critical.

PASSES AWAY AT BANQUET.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—A tragic ending was given to the Masonic festivities connected with St. John's Day when Worshipful Brother Allen Austen of the Royal Victoria lodge, fell ill during the lodge banquet and died almost immediately. Other lodges throughout the city were immediately informed by telephone and brought an end to the festivities. Mr. Austen was a partner in the firm of Austen & Laverty, wholesalers, of this city.

POACHERS ARRESTED.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Game Warden Griffiths of the Association for the Protection of Fish and Game in Quebec, arrested 31 men at Caribou Lake in St. Maurice county and seized nearly a ton of red trout, and a number of beaver, muskrat, mink, marten and weasel skins. The fishermen had set out Sunday and had set their lines on the ice of Lake Caribou, and the catch had been enormous.

STREET CAR WRECKED.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—While the Owl car on the Fort Wright electric line was on its return trip to the city shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, it left the rails near the Great Northern track, ran about 40 feet and struck a tree. Conductor David Alpers' leg was broken and will have to be amputated; Motorman Brendendahl was slightly injured. The car was badly wrecked and it took the police who went to the scene about an hour to extricate the men. There were no passengers on the car.

WANTED IN CHICAGO.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—After roaming from city to city in all parts of the United States for over three years, William A. Stamm, alleged defaulting treasurer of the Chicago Bricklayers' Union, was arrested in this city last night and will be held pending the arrival here of an officer from Chicago. Stamm admitted his identity and stated he was wanted in Chicago for the alleged defalcation of $6,500 in September, 1909.

TWO JAPANESE POISONED.

Sicamous, Dec. 27.—Two Japanese laborers died here on Sunday from ptomaine poisoning as a result of eating canned food which had been allowed to spoil. The dead men were named H. Sato and Z Iwabuchi.

It is announced that the German government will spend $1,500,000 for military aeroplanes in 1912.

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No Class This Week.—The private dancing class held on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening at the A. O.U.W. hall will not take place this week, but will resume on January 5th and 6th.

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Hanna & Thomson, Pandora Ave.—Leading Funeral furnishing house. Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg. •

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Special Meeting.—A special meeting of Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will be held at the home of Mrs. Cochenour, 1036 Fisguard street, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to attend as important business will be transacted.

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S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, 'phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921. •

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Voters' League Meeting.—A special meeting of the Voters' League of Victoria will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the office of the Canadian Northwest Oil Company at 522 Bastion street. Important business is to come up for discussion and a large attendance of members is desired.

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—McClary's famous stoves and ranges. Clarke & Pearson, 1313 Wharf, near Johnson.

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Up for Extradition.—Archibald Tidderington, charged with obtaining $3,000 from a Portland firm under false representation while residing and in business at Walla Walla, Wash., was presented for extradition before Judge Lampman yesterday afternoon. He was remanded until Saturday without bail and will meantime be confined to the provincial jail.

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A. O. H. Meeting.—Victoria Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will hold a special meeting in the club rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Important business in connection with the provincial convention, which takes place in Victoria on Saturday, will be taken up. A full attendance is urgently requested. L. P. McLernan, president; T. Brown, secretary. •

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V. & S. Terminals.—An inspection of the Victoria and Sidney terminals on Blanchard street is to be made by the Provincial Minister of Railways, Hon. Thomas Taylor, and the Attorney-General, Hon. W. J. Bowser, within a few days, preliminary to the Minister of Railways giving his decision on the application of the city for an order directing the company to alter the grade and reduce the number of its tracks on that street. The city complains that since the company erected its new station it has been turning Blanchard street into a railway yard, and that it has raised the level of the tracks until it interferes with vehicular traffic in that district.

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Express or Truck.—Do not forget that you can get an express or truck at any hour you may wish. Always keep your checks until you have seen us, as we will save you the 10c. on each trunk you have to pay to baggage agents on trains and boats. We will check your baggage from your hotel or residence, also store it. See us before you make your arrangements. We guarantee to satisfy everyone on price and the way we handle your goods. We consider it a favor if you will report any overcharges or incivility on the part of our help. Pacific Transfer Company, 'phone 249. 50 Fort St. •

Leaky Roofs Repaired by Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street, makers of "Nag" composition. •

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Political Equality League.—A meeting of the Political Equality League will be held to-morrow evening at the league rooms, when plans for the forthcoming year will be discussed. It is requested that as many of those who are interested in the work and are able to be present will attend.

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Skates Ground. — Skates hollow-ground. J. Waites, 644 Fort street. Phone 446. •

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The Incinerator.—Workmen are engaged at the present time in raising the smokestack of the incinerator at the Herald street wharf, in view of the impossibility of bringing the new apparatus into immediate use, and in consequence it is believed by raising the stack the old plant can be repaired sufficiently to make it useful for some time to come in the combustion of rubbish.

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Daughters of Scotland.—The Daughters of Scotland will hold their annual Hogmaney dance in the Foresters' hall, Broad street, to-morrow night. The following programme has been arranged: Grand march at 8.30; Circassian circle, waltz, two-step, quadrille, valetta, Highland schottische, Carmencita, polka, supper waltz, Brittania waltz, lancers, three-step, tag two-step, schottische, quadrille, waltz, ladies' choice; two-step, home medley.

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Methodist Chinese Mission. — The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Chinese Mission, 626 Fisguard street, will be held on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The young men of the mission will take part, and the children of the mission Sunday school and the Oriental Home will provide a band and chorus. The Rev. Mr. Hartwell, superintendent of the work in the province, will be present, and will probably occupy the chair. Various ministers of the city will also be present, and refreshments will be served after the conclusion of the programme. The Christmas tree will, of course, be the centre of attraction for the children. A very interesting evening is assured all those who care to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

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The opening meeting of the municipal campaign is called for this evening at the old fire hall, Oaklands, in Ward Three, at 8 o'clock. Candidates for the mayoralty and the aldermanic board are invited to attend.

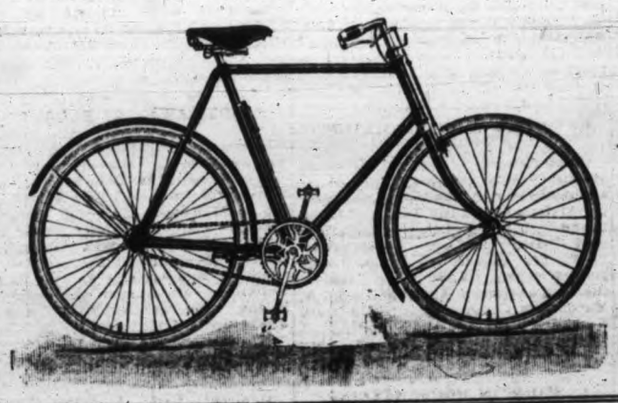
It was not expected that the campaign would commence till Tuesday next, but as there is only a short period of two weeks till the election, the promoters of the meeting felt no time was to be lost. It will probably transpire at this meeting whether the Labor party intends to contest the ward, as they have serious intention of so doing. Being represented in the council by the chairman of the streets committee and the chairman of the fire wardens the aldermen for this ward, the ratepayers have had a good deal done for them this year, while on the other hand so rapid has been the growth of the district that the supply of public utilities has not kept pace with the demand, and criticism has been the result. The promise of a large expenditure in the ward next year by the construction of the new High school, and the carrying out of local improvement works which have been passed, but not completed, are both subjects which will come under review this evening.

THE LATE E. B. MARVIN.

From a photograph taken some years ago.

Many expressions of regret over the death of E. B. Marvin in Los Angeles on Tuesday were heard on the streets to-day. Mr. Marvin had been identified with the commercial life of the city so long that he will be greatly missed. The funeral takes place this afternoon in the California city.

Mr. Marvin is survived by a widow, a step-son, Frank Adams; two step-daughters, Mrs. J. A. Stratton, of Seattle, and Miss Grace Adams; and an adopted daughter, Miss Florence Marvin.



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BUILDING BY-LAW.

Important Civic Enactment Will be Further Considered—Call for Tenders for Supplies.

At the meeting of the city council to-morrow evening the principal business will be the consideration of the new building by-law, which has been twice before the special committee, and will be ready for consideration on points of policy, technical details having now been under advisement. The by-law is of the greatest importance, not only to the building trade and the insurance companies on account of the improved risks it will encourage, but to the home maker, as the regulations governing construction are much more stringent than in the past.

A notice of motion will be posted in the name of Alderman Gleason instructing the purchasing agent to call for tenders for all supplies for 1912, tenders to be in by January 19 next at 3 p.m., this being the usual course taken in recent years in connection with the general wants of the departments.

Owing to the difficulty of the returning officer arranging for the polls at the places named in the resolution, passed several days ago by the city council for the booths in each ward, Mayor Morley will move for a reconsideration of the resolution, and alternative places in Wards 3 and 4 will be necessary, while the possibility of securing the drill hall for Ward 5 is not yet assured.

Another matter which will receive attention again is the tender for towing garbage out to sea, as the present contract expires on Saturday, and immediate arrangements must be made for this urgent matter.

The contract was to have been let to the present contractor, Capt. Gardner, but the council proposes to reconsider the matter, on the application of the other bidder, who put in a lower figure.

Mention has already been made of the intention of Alderman Humber to move for the reconsideration of the proposal adopted on Friday to leave over the playgrounds by-law, to raise $175,000, to the incoming council. This would prevent it being submitted to the people with the other money by-laws in January.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 28.—The pressure has decreased over the North Pacific states, and heavy rain has fallen on the Coast and snow inland on the higher levels. An extensive area of high pressure overlies the prairie provinces, accompanied by an intense cold wave; further east a storm area is central in the lower valley of the Mississippi.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Reports at 5 a.m.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, 40; minimum, 39; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .16; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 14; minimum, 12; wind, 22 miles S.; snow, .20; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N. W.; rain, .50; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.70; temperature, 24 below; minimum, 24 below; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, part cloudy.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.64; temperature, 28 below; minimum, 28 below; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday:

Temperature.

Highest	45
Lowest	36
Average	40

Rain, trace.

Bright sunshine, 1 hour 6 minutes.

General state of weather, mostly cloudy.

For Sale.—Berried holly trees. W. J. Savory, Broad Street. •

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Dallas Road Seawall.—The actual laying of concrete for the wall proper at Dallas road was completed yesterday, and as the city delivers the material the back-filling will be done. Steps have yet to be placed to the beach, a railing provided, and posts placed for the street lights. This work is expected to be through by the contract date, January 15.

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Meet me at the Bismarck. •

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Building Permits.—The building inspector has granted permits for a dwelling house on Rosebery street for Mrs. Moore, Augustine and Knokles being the builders, at a cost of $2275; to J. Atkins, on behalf of John A. Scott, for two houses on Russell street, at $2500 each, and to R. H. Green, for a house at the corner of Bay and Prior streets, at a cost of $1800. A permit for a stable on the corner of Albert and Charles streets for James Loggie has also been granted.

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NEW BISCUIT FACTORY

Mr. Fred Popham Leaves for East to Buy Machinery for Another Manufacturing Plant.

Mr. Fred Popham has severed his connection with the Popham Brothers Manufacturing Company, of which he was the president, and left last night for the East to purchase the machinery for a new Candy and Biscuit Factory to be erected by him immediately. We are informed by the best authority that he is backed by progressive business men and strong capitalists, and that his new factory will be operated on a large scale, and will be fitted out with the most modern machinery.

The high reputation, which the products of Popham Brothers Manufacturing Company enjoyed, was due to Mr. Fred Popham, who had the supervision over the manufacturing part of the business, and, with his practical knowledge, and backed by ample capital, he has all the conditions to make a success in his new enterprise.

The large interest, formerly held by Mr. Fred Popham in the Popham Brothers Manufacturing Company, has been bought by Mr. Simon Leiser. This company will be continued under the able management of Mr. Ormond, who is holding the same amount of stock in the concern as Mr. S. Leiser. Both Mr. Leiser and Mr. Ormond are known as keen business men, and no doubt will further develop their business. In a growing city like Victoria there is room for two factories of the kind mentioned, and we wish both enterprises, the old one, and the new one, the success they deserve.

—Cinderella dance, at Alexandra Club, Dec. 29, in aid of the children's ward at the Royal Jubilee hospital. Children, accompanied by parents and guardians, 4 to 8.30, 50 cents each; adults, 9 to 2 a. m., admission, $1.50. •

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Inspection of Gas.—At its next meeting, which will not be until some time after the new year, the council of the board of trade will have before it for consideration a communication from Richard Jones, collector of inland revenue and inspector of gas for the Victoria collection district, in regard to the inspection of that illuminant here. Mr. Jones reports on the system of inspection in practice, and as to the inspection of gas points out that inspections are made at regular intervals and that meters are tested and inspected with great care.

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Cinderella Dance. — Arrangements have been completed for the Cinderella dance at the Alexandra Club to-morrow in aid of the children's ward at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, the hours for children being 4 to 8.30, and for adults from 9 to 2 a.m. A separate programme has been arranged for each occasion, and the visit of the California University team in the evening will prove a strong attraction.

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NEWS OF SPORT

NO LACROSSE WAR SAYS "CON" JONES

Players Won't Use Him as Tool to Getting Higher Salaries

Toronto, Ont., 28.—"There is to be no lacrosse war, and if any lacrosse player in the east thinks for a minute that he is going to use me as a tool to getting a higher salary from the local club next year, he is badly mistaken." In company with Charlie Querrie and Fred Hambly, of the Tecumsehs, "Con" Jones, the Vancouver magnate, gave the above ultimatum on the lacrosse investigation yesterday morning.

Mr. Jones returned the night before from St. Catharines, and will remain for the balance of the week in Toronto before leaving for the east. "In stating that I have not signed a player to date I am giving you my word of honor," said Mr. Jones. "It is true that I offered both Billy Fitzgerald and George Kalls contracts, but neither wished to sign. I also tendered Fred Stagg, of the Torontos, an offer, but these men seem to think that they are worth millions and would not do anything. Of course I would like to have Fred Grayson, of the Tecumsehs, but since Charlie Querrie needs him I will not make him an offer. What I need principally are some fielders, and I will sign up three or four. Lamoreux, Fred Scott and Ashwell, of Montreal, are also slated for the coast, but I have done absolutely nothing to date."

Mr. Jones would not commit himself about the lacrosse changes that have taken place in the east. "The folks in New Westminster and myself," he said, "think that it is best to keep out of all controversies. No; there will be no fourth team on the coast this year."

TO BATTLE FOR BELT.

"One-Round" Hogan and Willie Allen Will Meet in January.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The National Sporting Club on Tuesday night closed with "One-round" Hogan, of New York, and Willie Allen, of Syracuse, to meet at the next entertainment of the club for the Flanagan belt, emblematic of the Canadian lightweight championship. No date has been set for the mill, but it will be the main bout at the next show, which will probably be during the last week in January. The deed of gift fixes the weight in the contests for the belt at 133 pounds ringside. Hogan wanted 133 at 3 o'clock, but the donor, as well as Allen and his manager, refused to deviate from the conditions originally set down.

ARE NOT AFRAID OF COAST LEAGUE TEAMS

Ottawas Wouldn't Object to Playing Picked Septette From the West

Apparently the Stanley cup holders, the Ottawas, do not fear the Pacific Coast hockey teams in the least. A dispatch from Ottawa reads:

"Although it was said at the first of the season that Ottawa would insist on the Patrick coast hockey league sending down the team that won their championship as they played during the season, the Stanley cup holders now say that they would not object to the Patricks strengthening their cup-hunting team with any of the players from the other septettes in the league. The Ottawas feel that they could easily beat the best team that the Sunset league could scare up, and figure that the more stars there are on the team, the easier it will be. While it is unlikely that the trustees will allow a picked team to compete for the silverware, if they decide to allow the holders to have the say, the Patricks will be welcome to bring along the strongest team they can scare up."

REVISED N.H.A. SCHEDULE.

The revised schedule of the National Hockey Association games follows:

Dec. 29.—Wanderer vs. Quebec.
Jan. 3—Wanderer vs. Canadien.
Jan. 3—Quebec vs. Ottawa.
Jan. 6—Ottawa vs. Wanderer.
Jan. 6—Canadien vs. Quebec.
Jan. 10—Canadien vs. Wanderer.
Jan. 10—Ottawa vs. Quebec.
Jan. 13—Ottawa vs. Canadien.
Jan. 17—Quebec vs. Wanderer.
Jan. 17—Canadien vs. Ottawa.
Jan. 20—Wanderer vs. Canadien.
Jan. 20—Quebec vs. Ottawa.
Jan. 24—Ottawa vs. Wanderer.
Jan. 24—Canadien vs. Quebec.
Jan. 27—Quebec vs. Canadien.
Jan. 27—Wanderer vs. Ottawa.
Jan. 31—Canadien vs. Wanderer.
Jan. 31—Ottawa vs. Quebec.
Feb. 3—Ottawa vs. Canadien.
Feb. 3—Wanderer vs. Quebec.
Feb. 7—Quebec vs. Wanderer.
Feb. 7—Canadien vs. Ottawa.
Feb. 10—Ottawa vs. Wanderer.
Feb. 10—Canadien vs. Quebec.
Feb. 14—Quebec vs. Canadien.
Feb. 14—Wanderer vs. Ottawa.
Feb. 17—Quebec vs. Wanderer.
Feb. 17—Canadien vs. Ottawa.
Feb. 21—Wanderer vs. Canadien.
Feb. 21—Ottawa vs. Quebec.
Feb. 24—Ottawa vs. Canadien.
Feb. 24—Wanderer vs. Quebec.
Feb. 28—Quebec vs. Canadien.
Feb. 28—Wanderer vs. Ottawa.
March 2—Canadien vs. Wanderer.
March 2—Quebec vs. Ottawa.

FIRST N.H.A. GAME.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The first game of the N. H. A. season will be played on Friday night at Quebec between the Quebec and Wanderer teams, regardless of ice conditions at the Ancient Capital. It was announced yesterday that Ernie Russell has again joined the Wanderers, and it is also expected that "Pud" Glass will join the champions before the first game.

BAYLEY VS. LAUDER.

It is announced that Joe Bayley and Billy Lauder will mix at Edmonton, January 19, for the championship of Western Canada. That sport writer who said "At last it is unofficially announced, etc" has evidently forgotten that a fight between Bayley and Lauder was announced, and unofficially at that, some months ago; and it is very likely that the fight will be announced a few more times before it takes place.

SPORT NOTES

President Ward, of the Boston Nationals, states that hereafter his team will be known as the Boston Braves.

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Jim Flynn knocked out Tony Caponi the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout at Salt Lake City last night.

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Dugdale, of Seattle, has secured a second sacker by the name of Simer, who played last season with the Danville club in the "Three I" League. He cost "Dug" $600.

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President R. P. Brown, of the champion Beavers, has decided to give up the idea of having his players train in California in the spring of 1912. All the preliminary work for the next pennant race will, as far as the Beavers are concerned, be done right at home.

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Vancouver is still anxious to get a game with the Pacific Coast champion Rugby team. It has been decided in the Terminal City to try to get the Californians over there on Saturday, January 6.

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Jack Curley, manager for Jim Flynn, has received an offer from Harry Pollock, promoter of events at the Madison Square Garden in New York, of $25,000 for a ten-round match in New York between Flynn and Johnson. Curley is not in favor of a ten-round bout, but nevertheless will consider the proposition. He is very anxious to match Flynn and the champion for a finish fight in Nevada, and will offer Johnson $20,000 for his share, win, lose or draw. According to reports from the East Johnson wants $30,000.

BRENTFORD SNOWED UNDER.

London, Dec. 28.—Coventry City beat Brentford by 9 goals to 0 in a southern league football game at Coventry today.

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TIME EXTENDED.

Nothing was done as regards arranging a schedule at the meeting of the Amateur Island Soccer League executive last evening as the delegates were in favor of giving Ladysmith and the local Y. M. C. A., both of which clubs are said to be anxious to enter, but have not yet made application. The next meeting will be held January 3 and on that date entries will finally close.

A Smith, secretary of the local branch of the B. C. A. A. U. and also of the Morley Cup league, will leave in a few days for Ladysmith, where he will assist in the formation of a branch of the amateur body. The athletes in the northern town are going "whole hog" in the amateur business and are therefore desirous of having a whitewash brush handy.

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The above is a picture of baseball magnates from all over America congregated at San Antonio. Secretary Farrell is standing towards the centre of the group with paper in his hands. L. A. Wattelet, of the Islanders, is at the right and Dugdale, of Seattle, at the extreme left.

ARRIVAL HERE OF AUSTRALIAN BOYS

THE SOUTHERN CROSS TO NORTHERN SKIES

Representatives of Young Australian League Reach City To-day

The young Australian visitors were given a cordial welcome on their arrival to-day from Vancouver on the afternoon boat, the dull skies of early morning having given way to bright sunshine by the time the boat drew into the wharf and representatives of the government, the civic authorities and the Y.M.C.A. were awaiting the party on the landing stage.

The boys are between eleven and nineteen years of age, and are in charge of Lieut. J. J. Simons and the following touring staff: Musical director, George Reid; vocal director and pianist, Max Rutter; touring secretary, Arthur Coyne; sports master, Jack Williams; scout master, Horace Brown; and matron, Nurse Sturkey.

The boys were chosen by open nomination in all the Australian states, and from these the selected forty were chosen. They were selected for their capacity as athletes musicians and scholastic progress, the expenses of the trip being met by a government subsidy, assisted by contributions from the parents, or voluntary levies on the districts from which the boys come. They started with $15,000, and the contributions per boy for this world-encircling tour amounted to $350. Although the party raises funds by means of concerts and other forms of entertainment as it progresses, the tour is purely one of education, the motto of the Young Australian League, under whose auspices the trip has been arranged, being "Education by Travel." At the time the boys arrived in Vancouver last week the sum of $20,000 had already been spent in the present trip, which follows a succession of other journeys not so far afield. The American cities have given a hearty welcome to the boys on their present visit, and a link with Vancouver Island is found in the fact that Western Australia, from which Lieut. Simons comes, and this Island, were both the scene of the explorations of Captain Vancouver, whose name the Treasure Island of the Pacific bears.

The boys presented a very attractive appearance in their tunics of green with gold facings, and the flags borne by the standard bearers include the Union Jack and the Australian Ensign, with the Southern Cross, and the banner of the league, in which a kangaroo is the centre figure.

The High School Cadets and the Boy Scouts met the party with their band, and the procession moved up Government and Yates streets to the Y.M.C.A., where their headquarters will be till their stay in Victoria terminates on Tuesday evening. On New Year's Day they will attend a reception at the Government House by Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Paterson.

They will be accommodated in private houses during their stay in the city, the desire being to keep the lads as far as possible from the influence of hotels.

This evening a reception will be tendered the party at the Y.M.C.A. at which the Premier, Hon. Dr. Young and Mayor Morley will attend. To-morrow night the boys will give a concert, for which the following is the programme:

Part I.

The Sleeping Camp—Six o'clock; another day begins; revielle; camp awake; lazy sleepers; jinks in pyjamas; the clash of pillows; high cockalorum; boydom's joys; a camp offender goes skywards; "Attention!" "We are to have a camp rehearsal."

Solo—Alan Hart, the sweet Sydney soprano, boy champion of Eastern Australia.

Violin solo—Leslie Martin, the talented young Australian, originally a self-taught player, learned his art in the solitudes of the bush; a natural musician; after a few lessons from a metropolitan master delighted many city audiences.

The Y.A.L. band, under the direction of the league musical director, Geo. Reid, will play the "New Colonial," also "Idalia," one of the sweetest fantasias ever composed.

Nate Marks, a camp visitor who tells in mirthful song the life of a railroad depot man.

"Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," part song rendition—Solo parts by Victor Brown, boy soprano of the Kalgoorie gold fields.

A Pair from Erin—Immigrants at the camp; Fred Styles and Bert Jones in a clever Hibernian song and dance impersonation, "Is Your Mother In, Molly Malone?"

A young balladist, Leo Cleary—"In the Valley Where the Gum Trees Grow," the prettiest Australian ballad.

A comical couple, a few mirthful minutes with the aid of the visitors.

Part II.

Entra'acte—Y.A.L. orchestra.

The Merry Pierrots—The humorous side of physical culture; the funniest, neatest gymnastic antics ever staged; leader Reg. Randell.

Leslie O'Meara—A few humorous minutes with the boy who is always greeted with storms of applause.

"Life's Dream is O'er"—Dave Tobin and Leo Cleary in a duet rendition of rare sweetness.

Nate Marks—A clever boy comedian in an inimitable jockey stunt.

Quintette of Shearers—"Far Away on the Silvery Castlereagh," the Australian song and dance number, Masters N. Taylor, C. Bond, Rex Kinber, H. Thompson and D. Tobin.

Brian Day, the ten-year-old boy soprano.

Grand band finale, by the Y.A.L. band, concluding with the "Five-Starred Flag," Australia's marching song.

Lieut. Simons has himself described the mission of the trip to be: "We have come as members of the Young Australia League to tell you what we are doing in our schools in Australia to promote the broad Imperial spirit. We want you to know us better and we want to know you better, you Canadians especially, who, although your country is far distant from ours, are the nearest of our own kith and blood, excluding the people of New Zealand. It is the boys of our country who can carry best the message of love for you and the desire to know you better, which is the instinct of all our countrymen.

"Canada and Australia should improve their commercial relations, and the best way to start about doing that is to teach the boys, who will be men to-morrow, something about our respective countries and what we are each striving to do.

"While we are in Canada we intend to give the people of this country some idea of the great natural resources of the Commonwealth, which rival those of this Dominion."

THE CASE OF DARROW.

Toronto Paper Discusses Ethics of Counsel With Duty to State and Client.

(Mail and Empire.)

One effect of the Los Angeles dynamiting outrage has been to draw the searchlight of enquiry on Clarence Darrow, the McNamaras' chief counsel, and to raise the general question of a lawyer's duty to his clients and his duty to the State. The law of the land and legal ethics will settle these questions nine times out of ten, but the tenth time comes when there seems to be a conflict between a man's duty as a lawyer and his duty as a citizen. In the McNamara case, for example, Mr. Darrow knew for several months that one of his clients was guilty. Knowing this, he continued to fight for the man's freedom, spending money like water in his efforts, and it was the money, for the most part, of men who would not have contributed a dollar if they had known as much about James McNamara as Darrow knew. There can be little doubt that if the agents of the defence could have bribed a juror, or if the defence could not have made an arrangement with the prosecution, Mr. Darrow would have continued to fight for the McNamaras. In other words, he would have sought to turn loose on society again a man who had committed a series of the most horrible crimes in modern history. In so doing, Mr. Darrow might have discharged his duty to his clients; but it is questionable if his course would have been that of a law-abiding citizen. It would seem, in fact, that he would be no better than an accessory after the fact, and that he, too, should be sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Not only would he profit by the crime, as a consequence of the huge fees his professional services for the defence would bring him, but he would be subverting the laws of the land by aiding criminals to escape justice.

Ought a lawyer to continue to defend a client whom he believes to be guilty? Ought he so to continue to defend a man who has confessed to him that he is guilty? In theory, the duty of a lawyer to his client is to see that he gets a fair trial. However, that is the duty of the judge, and if there are not other duties, it would seem that the lawyer is superfluous and that the judge and other court officials might well take his place. In discussing the case of the McNamaras, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer expresses the belief that a lawyer who violates the confidence a client places in him is to be classified with the medical man who commits the same breach of etiquette with regard to a patient. Nevertheless, it rebukes Mr. Darrow for trying to shield men whom he knew were guilty. Without violating their confidence, how could Darrow have thrown up the case for the defence? He seems to have chosen to play the part of an enemy to the State rather than that of a traitor to his wretched clients. The public opprobrium that has been visited on him in the past fortnight is evidence that in the opinion of the great majority of people, he made a wrong choice. The general verdict is that a lawyer's first duty is to justice, of which he is supposed to be a minister.

THRIVING INDIANS.

Natives Happy for Winter on Lower Yukon.

That the natives in the Indian camps along the lower river are in excellent shape is the word brought by Rev. C. E. Betticher, who has returned from Nenana. On his trip Rev. Betticher visited the camp at Wood river, Lake Minto and Hot Springs, as well as the smaller villages at different places.

At the Nenana mission everything was in fine condition. At the present time there are 34 children in the school. The hospital has been completed and the upper floor is being used temporarily as a dormitory for the girls until that building is completed next summer. The Farthing memorial chapel will also be finished in the spring.

Guy H. Madera arrived there recently to take charge of the industrial work of the children, and is now nicely settled. Because of the smallpox scare that started in the upper Porcupine, all of the Indians have been vaccinated as a prevention to possible communication of the disease.—Fairbanks Times.

SOFT FOR GOTCH.

Frank Gotch, world's wrestling champion, had an easy time with Alex Munroe, the English champion, at Kansas City last night. Gotch won in straight falls, getting the first in twelve minutes and the second in eight minutes, five seconds.

AUSTRALIA PROUD TO HAVE A NAVY

UNDER THE CONTROL OF HER OWN PEOPLE

Does Not Believe in Sponging on Motherland—Self-Reliant Young Nation

Lieut.-Simons, who is in charge of the squad of Australian cadets who arrived in Victoria from Vancouver this afternoon, voices the conviction of the average citizen of the Island Commonwealth to the importance of military training and national defence. He expressed his country's pride in the possession of a navy of her own and repudiates the suggestion, which, by the way, has frequently been made in certain quarters in Canada, that such a policy is anti-British. Interviewed in Vancouver on the subject, he said:

"Collaterally with the growth of Imperial sentiment, the sentiment of an Australian nationality has become a growing force, but it is not a factor which is anti-Imperialistic. The popular concept of Imperialism in Australia is that we should arrive at a practical interpretation of the motto 'Alliance, not Dependence.' We realize that the union of the different parts of the Empire should be a partnership of brothers, each bearing his share of the family responsibilities. One of the most practical expressions of this sentiment was given when it was decided to form an Australian navy. This idea was condemned in many quarters as being anti-British. The fact that we had practically independent military control for several decades without involving any question of severance from the British Empire was quite lost sight of as was also the fact that this separate control did not prevent us from helping the Empire in the Soudan and in South Africa. We feel that a separate navy will not prevent us from assisting the Motherland should hostilities occur which would necessitate the employment of the Empire's naval units.

"The national pride of Australia is satisfied by the sense of ownership expressed in the phrase: 'We have a navy of our own.' That navy is there not only for the service of Australia, but for the furtherance of the best ideals of our race.

"The campaign in favor of compulsory military service was carried on for some years against forces of hostility and apathy. The hostile element argued that compulsory service was against the traditions of the race. Only those who have forgotten history could possibly argue in this way, for, whenever in the history of the English-speaking race extra service has been required, compulsion, often in a most brutal form, was used. Every schoolboy knows that in the days of Nelson the press gangs played an important part in filling the constantly depleted ranks of the navy.

"We in Australia view the matter in this light. Compulsory training is only one of the forms of compulsory education. We educate a man to fight the battles of commerce, and we expect that in a crisis he may be in like manner called upon to fight another kind of battle in which his very existence may be at stake, and which, in these days of modern war developments, requires more science than does the commercial struggle. Modern invention has made war a science, and it is a science in which one cannot engage with any chance of success without having undergone a lengthy period of training.

"Compulsory service is no more an interference with the freedom of the individual than is compulsory taxation. Who would trust to voluntary taxation to carry on the affairs of the country? We know such an experiment would be a complete failure, as the voluntary system of service has undoubtedly proved to be.

"By instinct Australians are opposed to war, and also to expenditures upon armaments, but we feel that we cannot relax until a mutual agreement for general disarmament has been arrived at. We believe that no country is so likely to become a scene of war and bloodshed as the defenceless country. An undefended Australia would be an enticing bait for any ambitious nation should the power of Great Britain ever wane, or should the Empire become engaged in some titanic struggle, as for instance with Germany. An Australia with an effective naval force and with 600,000 trained soldiers is not liable lightly to be attacked. The more prepared we are the less likely are we to experience war.

"We are not converting Australia into something like an armed camp because we like war. We hate it as we do the smallpox or other epidemic, but because we fear these visitations is no reason why we should neglect to take precautions against them.

"It used to be argued in Australia that we could depend upon Great Britain in time of trouble. We now look upon such an attitude as that of the mean sponger, who grows into manhood and depends upon his mother to fight his battles. This attitude is, I may say, repugnant to the national spirit of Australia.

"It should be distinctly understood that the compulsory service as we have it in Australia does not mean conscription. There is brought about no suspension of business avocations. A boy is registered for training at the age of 13 and goes through a course of training, which practically becomes part of his ordinary schooling. In his eighteenth year he has to attend a training camp of 21 days' duration, and has also to attend a stipulated number of half-day and evening parades in the year. These camps are arranged for in various areas so as to involve as little interference as possible with business.

"For instance, matters will be so adjusted that the whole of the working staff of any business establishment would not be required to leave their duties simultaneously. This system has been patterned to a great extent on that of Switzerland, which is generally regarded as the very fount of democracy.

"In Australia we found the military system unfair. The really patriotic citizen made sacrifices by attending parades and drills, while his fellow-citizens often jeered at him. Australia makes no exceptions, other than those for physical reasons, from the son of the wealthiest citizen to the son of the navvy. All must serve and promotion is based on merit only, regardless of social distinction.

"As far as our navy is concerned, we desire to have it built in Australia and manned by Australians. We take a pride in bearing out our own burdens and responsibilities. We have six hundred Australian bluejackets now training in the British navy. They will be ultimately transferred to our new super-Dreadnought and will form the nucleus trained crew of our new navy.

"There is a feeling in Australia that upon the completion of the Panama canal, Australia will be brought closer to the new centre of the world's activities. The Atlantic ocean was the ocean of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, just as the Mediterranean was the ocean of an earlier epoch. The Pacific is to be the ocean of the twentieth and probably many succeeding centuries, and Australia is to be one of the great arenas of activity."

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SCHEDULE OF CITY LEAGUE RUGBY GAMES

Series Begin January 6 at Oak Bay—High School Was Dropped

The schedule of games was arranged at the meeting of the City Rugby League executive last evening, and it was decided that the series should begin on Saturday, January 6. On that date all four teams will play at Oak Bay, the Law Students meeting the Surveyors at 1.30 o'clock and the Oak Bays and James Bays taking the field at 3.

As it was not considered possible for the scholars to get together a team strong enough to compete with the others entered the High School dropped from the league. The schedule as adopted is subject to revision.

The constitution was read and accepted and it rules that all games are to be played at Oak Bay, and in case of two games taking place on the same day that they are to be played on the same ground.

"That the annual meeting of the league is to be called on the first Friday in November of each year, following the meeting of the British Columbia Rugby Union."

The next meeting of the league will be held on January 8, when organization business will be concluded. The schedule of games follows:

Jan. 6—Law Students vs. Surveyors; Oak Bay vs. James Bay.

Jan. 13—Oak Bay vs. Surveyors.

Jan. 20—Law Students vs. Surveyors; J.B.A.A. vs. Oak Bay.

Jan. 27.—J.B.A.A. vs. Law Students.

Feb. 3—Law Students vs. Oak Bay; J.B.A.A. vs. Surveyors.

Feb. 24—Law Students vs. Surveyors; J.B.A.A. vs. Oak Bay.

March 9—J.B.A.A. vs. Law Students.

Milton Farmer, general manager of the California University Rugby team, is expected to arrive in town to-day.

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In answer to the inquiries which have reached us, asking for a basis of comparison between the price at which water will be supplied by this company and the cost of obtaining water from Elk Lake we would direct public attention to the following facts:

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We also direct attention to our detailed advertisement appearing on PAGE ELEVEN of this issue

Esquimalt Waterworks Co.

JOHN R. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

POOR OLD SANTA

Santa Claus:—"See here, this is an outrage! You've put in an electric heater and I couldn't find a chimney to slide down."

WEEK AND WEAK

Chollie:—"Lend me a dollar for a week, old man?"

Johnnie:—"Certainly; who is the weak old man?"

JACK THE PROPOSER

Mildred:—"Congratulate me, dear. Jack proposed to me last night, and I accepted him."

Elvira:—"Congratulate me also, dear. Jack proposed to me the night before last, and I refused him."

READY TO EXPLAIN

"As the poet says," remarked Cassidy, who was fond of airing his learning occasionally, "what's in a name?"

"Well," replied Casey, "call me wan that Oi don't loike an' ol'll show ye."

CHUMS NOT CHUMPS.

Thus an American paper: "In the report of the marriage of Miss Mary Harris and Mr. Charles Johnson we intended to say that the bride and bridegroom had been chums from childhood. Our compositor made it read 'chumps from childhood."

"However, it was not altogether wrong as it went, as anyone who would marry Johnson could easily be mistaken for a chump."

WHY HE QUIT.

Hal: "Have you stopped calling on the girl with the silk blouse?"

Tom: "Yes; it's all over in that direction."

"Why? Father object?"

"Bless you, no! And I had nerve enough to dodge all her hints about popping the question also; but the last time I called she had the sign 'Do it now' stuck on the centre table. That floored me, and I've quit."

GLASS AND LASS.

Gladys:, "Men are such conceited things! Why, one may see them any time gazing at a looking-glass."

Tom (meaningly): "Yes; but it's always a good-looking lass."

NOT AFRAID OF WATER.

Miss Duck—I wonder if Noah took any ducks into the ark?

Mr. Duck—What was the use?

THE 1911 MODEL.

"You have a fine lot of children, Binks," said Hawkins, as after a spin through the country they returned to the house for dinner. "How many are there?"

"Seven," said Binks proudly.

"I've often wondered," said Hawkins, "whether you people with so many children have any favorites among them."

"Oh, no," returned Binks, hesitatingly; "that is to say, not consciously, but of course we are more interested in a 1911 model than in the earlier ones."

A CABBAGE HEAD.

A young man in the country wrote to his city cousin: "I've grown a cabbage head six feet in circumference."

"Who is your hatter?" wrote back the city youth.

FOOLING THE BABY.

"My baby cries all night. I don't know what to do with it."

"I'll tell you what I did. As soon as our baby commenced to cry I used to turn on all the gas. That fooled him. He thought it was broad daylight and went to sleep."

NO GENTLEMAN.

Mrs. Nosey: "I understand from Mrs. Jokose that your doctor is no gentleman."

Mrs. Pasbence: "Yes, that's true."

"Oh, my! Tell me about it. What did he——"

"She's a lady doctor."

CALM, NOT COLLECTED.

Reporter: "Was Jones calm and collected when the boiler explosion occurred?"

Villager: "Well, he was calm, all right; but they never did get him quite collected."

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DESPERATE STRUGGLE ABOARD CORNIL BART

The Second Officer of French Barque Lying at Seattle, Assaulted—Arrests Made

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Mutinous outbreaks aboard the French barque Cornil Bart, which have made her visit to this port an eventful one, yesterday culminated in a desperate fight, during which the vessel's second officer was assaulted by members of the crew.

Ferdinand Rion, who a few days ago was driven to the rigging by a rebellious crew and rescued by the police after his shipmates armed with knives, clubs and kitchen utensils, had given a war dance around the mainmast, is a prisoner at the county jail with Louis Lebeuff, who is said to have played a stellar role in all of the outbreaks aboard the French sailing vessel at sea and in port. Following the first affray, Capt. Pierre Zooneyund appealed to the police, and Rion, who is the boatswain, and Lebeuff, a member of the crew, were placed in the city jail. In the police court Judge Gordon decided that the trouble aboard the vessel was the result of too much wine and discharged the defendants.

The assault on one of the officers of the vessel yesterday, however, was not to be regarded lightly by Capt. Zooneyund, who went to the offices of the French consul, R. Delebel Mahy, where he made complaint of the action of Rion and Lebeuff. A warant was obtained and an hour later the two men were found aboard the Cornil Bart by United States marshals and taken to the county jail. The Cornil Bart arrived about two weeks ago from Newcastle, Eng. She was badly damaged in a collision with the schooner Albert Meyers on November 25, off the mouth of the Columbia river.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Orteric	Jan. 3
Mexico Maru	Jan. 10
Kamakura Maru	Jan. 10
Monteagle	Jan. 23

From Australia.

Zealandia	Jan. 9

From Liverpool.

Titan	Jan. 20

From Mexico.

Beckenham	Jan. 10

From Antwerp.

Magician	Jan. 3

For the Orient.

Sado Maru	Jan. 2
Seattle Maru	Jan. 7
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10

For Mexico.

Lonsdale	Jan. 15

For Liverpool.

Teucer	Jan. 24

For Australia.

Zealandia	Jan. 24

COASTWISE STEAMERS.

From San Francisco.

Umatilla	Jan. 4
Queen	Jan. 11

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Dec. 31
Venture	Jan. 2

From Skagway.

Princess May	Jan. 10

For San Francisco.

City of Puebla	Jan. 3
Umatilla	Jan. 10

For Skagway.

Princess May	Dec. 29

For Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Jan. 1
Venture	Jan. 3
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 5

For the West Coast.

Tees	Jan. 1

For Nanaimo.

Charmer	Jan. 2

For East Coast.

Otter	Jan. 2

HARD FIGHT AGAINST FIRE.

Steamer Yosemite Reaches 'Frisco Badly Burned—Man Tried to Jump Overboard.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—With the interior of her galley and pantry charred and soaked with water and part of her lumber cargo consumed by fire, the steamer Yosemite, en route from Portland to Los Angeles, arrived here this morning with a story of a hard fight with the flames which for a time threatened the entire ship. While off Trinidad Hook early yesterday a grease pot on the galley stove caught fire and started a fire. Stacks of lumber on the starboard side of the vessel were soon in flames. Three streams of water, wielded by the crew under the direction of Capt. Nelson, finally quenched the fire.

A male passenger, believing that the vessel was doomed, endeavored to jump overboard, but was restrained.

IMMENSE SHIPMENT OF SILK ON INABA

Nippon Liner Has $1,500,000 Worth Aboard for New York —Due Next Thursday

Carefully packed in the strong room of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Inaba Maru, Capt. Tominaga, which is due to arrive here next Thursday from Oriental ports, is a shipment of silk valued at $1,500,000, consigned to New York. There are 1,800 bales of raw silk and 130 cases of silk goods, which will require eight freight cars to convey it across the continent to the eastern metropolis. This is by far the largest and most valuable shipment of silk to be brought across the Pacific during the past twelve months.

Besides the immense cargo of silk the steamship has a full list of general freight, of which nearly 1,000 tons will be discharged at the outer docks to be reshipped to Eastern Canadian points. The Maru has 6,000 tons of general merchandise, which is the biggest cargo handled by a Japanese liner en route from the Far East to this port. There is only an interval of a little over a week between the arrival of the Sado Maru and the Inaba Maru, which is due to the fact that the former was delayed at Yokohama to undergo repairs.

Nothing definite has yet been announced by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha officials in regard to the proposed line between Japanese ports and New York upon the completion of the Panama Canal. Baron Kondo, president of the company, when addressing a meting in Yokohama recently, stated that the Japanese government intended to start a regular service over this run if this duty was instructed to the N.Y.K. to attend, the company would have no hesitation to comply with the appointment.

Next month the steamship Sanuki Maru will be dispatched from Yokohama for this port, making the sixth Nippon liner engaging in the trans-Pacific trade. The vessel is a sister ship to the Kamakura Maru and is expected here towards the close of January. The amount of trade offering the Nippon ships has forced the company to place the Sanuki in the service to Victoria and Puget Sound ports.

CHELOSHIN PASSES UP.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The steamer Chelonsin passed Victoria at 10:30 o'clock this morning bound to Vancouver from Belfast and she is expected to arrive about 5 o'clock this afternoon. The vessel was built at Dublin dockyard and has made a good passage out. She sailed on October 17 and has called at several ports for coal. Captain Starkey is in command.

SLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

December—1911.

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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight.

STARTS IN PURSUIT OF OTHER BARQUES

General Faidherbe Towed to Sea and Will Try to Beat Two Other Vessels

In hot pursuit of the two British barques, the Olivebank and Springbank, the French barque General Faidherbe, Capt. Ragoult, was towed outside Cape Flattery this morning by a Sound tug and with all sails spread to a favorable breeze, commenced on her long voyage around Cape Horn to Plymouth, Eng. The Faidherbe is loaded with a cargo of grain which she took on at Tacoma, having proceeded to the Sound port from Victoria after discharging several hundred tons of cement here.

Both the British ships have good leads on the Frenchman but still Capt. Ragoult expects to not only make the passage in faster time, but also to actually overhaul and beat the other sailers into Plymouth. While on the Sound the Faidherbe had her hull cleaned and painted and as she is known as a fast vessel, shipping men would not be surprised if Ragoult did succeed in his attempt.

The Olivebank left the Sound over two weeks ago and the Springbank cleared about a week later. The 15,000-mile ocean race will be one of the greatest ever held. It is seldom that three ships get away from the same port bound for the same port within such short time of one another. The handicaps which the ships suffer do not amount to much in a six months' race and seafaring men believe that luck will be a prominent figure in the contest.

WIRELESS REPORTS

December 28, 8 a. m.

Point Grey.—Clear; wind S.E.; 29.63; 47; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo.—Snowing; wind N. E., light; 29.65; 45; light swell.

Tatoosh.—Cloudy; wind S. E., 2 miles; 29.70; 39; sea moderate. Out, a steamer, at 4 a. m., towing; Umatilla, at 5:25 a. m., steamer bound north at 5:30 a. m.

Pachena.—Cloudy; calm; 29.41; 36; sea moderate.

Estevan.—Clear; wind N. W., light; 29.36; 35; sea moderate. Spoke Tees, at 8 a. m., at Ahousat southbound.

Triangle.—Snowing; wind N. W., fresh; 28.88; 18; dense seaward.

Ikeda.—Snowing; wind N. W., strong gale; 29.70; 28; sea rough.

Prince Rupert.—Clear; calm; 29.83; 20; sea moderate.

BRING FRY TO SOUND.

U. S. Authorities to Release 1,000,000 Salmon Fry—Packers Notified.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Federal officers attached to the United States bureau of fisheries are now making arrangements to bring from the federal fish hatcheries in Alaska approximately 1,000,000 salmon fry to Puget Sound, where they will be released. Such is the information that has been received by Seattle salmon packers during the last few days.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, December, 1911.

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24	...	...	10 18	8.8	13 36	8.8	23 51	1.9
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

HEAVY WEATHER IS DELAYING STEAMER

Seattle Maru, Stormbound, Not Arriving Until Saturday — Crown of Arragon Damaged

Strong gales accompanied by heavy seas are retarding the progress of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, Capt. Saito, which is now en route to this port from Yokohama and Hongkong. According to her schedule she should have arrived here to-day, but she cleared from Yokohama one day late and the heavy weather which she is now encountering is preventing her from reaching Victoria until Saturday morning.

Last night the West Coast wireless stations were in communication with the steamship, but her skipper did not report his position. He simply stated that the ship was experiencing exceptionally dirty weather, and as she had to be slowed down on several occasions it would be impossible to arrive at William Head before Saturday morning. The winter weather is now beginning to make itself felt on the Pacific, and all steamships arriving are reporting fierce storms.

Advices received by the local agents of the line state that the Maru is bringing a $250,000 shipment of raw silk, together with several thousand tons of general freight. A number of steerage passengers are aboard the ship and many Orientals will disembark here. She has about 300 tons of freight to discharge at the outer docks, including oranges, sugar, rice, soy and miso.

Word was received here yesterday that the Harrison Direct liner Crown of Arragon, bound from Antwerp for Victoria via Honolulu and San Francisco, has been forced to put into Falmouth, England, by rough weather. A great deal of damage was done to the ship's decks, many plates having sprung and several winches wrenched from their positions. The steamship left Antwerp on December 10 and Glasgow one week later.

On Tuesday next the Weir liner Orteric, Capt. Findlay, will arrive at the outer docks from the Far East with large shipments of hemp and general freight. She has eight saloon passengers and also a large number of Chinese and Japanese as steerage.

FINDS NO TRACE OF LONG OVERDUE SHIP

Tug Lorne Cruised Off Flattery for Several Days but Failed to See Anything

All hope for the safety of the British barque Gulf Stream, Capt. Nichol, has been abandoned by shipping men on the coast and it is admitted that she has foundered. The tug Lorne, Capt. Cutler, has just returned to this port after having cruised about off Cape Flattery for several days trying to catch sight of the long overdue ship. Not the slightest sign was seen of her and seafaring men now add the Gulf Stream to the long list of mysteries of the sea.

The barque is out 243 days from Glasgow, with general freight for Evans, Coleman & Evans. Shipping men were ready to give up the barque as lost when she was out 200 days but information was received to the effect that the Gulf Stream never distinguished herself as a smart sailer and had previously made several long passages. Now, however, there does not appear to be the slightest hope for the vessel as a passage of 243 days from the United Kingdom has never before been recorded.

Only once was the sailer spoken and that was in May last. If she was still afloat some ship would most certainly have sighted her and reported before this. The Gulf Stream was a three-master and resembled the barque Arctic Stream, which was here a few months ago. The cargo on the vessel amounted to over 3,000 tons and it is possible that the sewer pipe bricks and salt may have shifted in a storm and the craft capsized.

No word has yet been received from the barque Solway en route with a cargo of coal from Newcastle, Aust., to the west coast of South America. Lloyds has posted her as missing as she is three months overdue and there is little possibility of her showing up again.

With two less working days the record of the canal diggers on the Isthmus of Panama for November was 2,598,024 yards of excavation, against 2,331,678 yards in October. There was a falling off, however, in the amount of concrete laid, November's record standing at 197,672 cubic yards, against 143,304 cubic yards in October.

Fourteen days out from Tacoma, the schooner Salvator arrived at Los Angeles Tuesday with her cargo of lumber.

The steamer Melville Dollar is at Tacoma loading a cargo of lumber for San Francisco. The Dollar will carry about 1,100,000 feet.

CAPTAIN OF NONAME GIVES HIS EVIDENCE

On Witness Stand at Inquiry This Morning—Description of Collision

All of this morning's sitting of the marine court of inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the collision of the steamer Iroquois, Capt. Carter, of the International Steamship company, and the tug Noname, Capt. Barbarie, off the Sandheads Lighthouse on Oct. 22, was occupied with the hearing of the evidence of the master of the towboat. Hon. A. E. McPhillips is appearing for the owners of the Noname and H. A. Maclean, K. C., is watching the case for the Iroquois people. Capt. James Gaudin, wreck commissioner, and Capts. Charles Eddie and Ladds, assessors are taking the evidence.

Capt. Barbarie stated that at 1 p. m. on October 22 he picked up a scow with a donkey engine aboard it off English Bay buoy, and he had out about 60 fathoms of tow line. After the vessel had got under way he turned the Noname over to the mate and retired over to his cabin. At 3.45 p. m. he was awakened from his sleep by the blowing of the fog whistle and after dressing proceeded on deck. Shortly afterwards he heard a whistle ahead and judging from the sounds he figured that it was a small tug or steam freighter and was about a quarter to half a point on his port bow.

While in the pilothouse Capt. Barbarie states the mate remarked that there was a vessel looming up out of the fog. He immediately ordered the helm hard-a-port and assisted the deckhand to put it over. This was done in order to give the other vessel a chance to pass. He, however, noticed that the Iroquois was following them and had put her helm to starboard instead of port as he thought the master would have done. It was impossible to avoid a collision and the Iroquois struck the Noname on her port side. She drove well into the side of the tug and Capt. Barbarie sang out to Capt. Carter to hold on to the vessel. He then ordered all his crew aboard the Iroquois and clambered on to the deck himself. He was unable to ascertain when he got aboard whether all his crew had left the vessel or not so he went back to the ship but found no one aboard.

The Iroquois then commenced to back away and the Noname sank immediately. A boat was launched from the steamer and Capt. Barbarie went aboard the scow to see if the tow line was holding the Noname, but he found that it had carried away. The Iroquois then towed the scow into Vancouver.

Capt. Barbarie said his towing signals, consisting of one prolonged blast and two short ones, were blowing and that he was proceeding at full speed, about six knots, which he did not consider too dangerous. He could see about three hundred feet in the fog. No lookout was carried except the deckhand in the wheelhouse. When he left English Bay buoy the weather was clear, a light northwest wind was blowing and the tide was at about the flood. He did not slow down his vessel when he saw the other vessel as he expected the boats would clear. When he sighted the Iroquois he did not know whether it was the port or starboard bow he saw.

MARINE NOTES

The British steamer Harpalion, which carried wheat from Tacoma, is reported arriving at Dublin. She steamed from Tacoma October 6.

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The steam schooner Olson and Mahony, loading 1,500,000 feet of lumber at Tacoma for San Francisco, is expected to complete her cargo to-day.

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The steamer Zapora, of the International Fisheries Company's fleet, which was injured in a collision recently, left Tacoma Tuesday for the halibut banks.

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With a number of passengers and considerable freight, the C. P. R. steamer Princess May, Capt. McLeod, will sail for Skagway and Prince Rupert to-morrow night.

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On her recent voyage from Tacoma to Hamburg the Kosmos line steamer Abessinia grounded in the river Elbe, but was floated without damage and later arrived at Hamburg.

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After repairs to the French barque Cornil Bart, now under way at pier 12, are completed, the vessel will go on dry dock at the Heffernan plant for cleaning and painting.

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Coastwise charters include the schooner William Olsen for lumber cargo from Grays Harbor to San Pedro at $5, and the schooner A. M. Baxter for lumber from Puget Sound to San Pedro at $5.

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Late to-night the Pacific Coast steamship Queen will arrive in port from San Francisco. She is taking the place of the City of Puebla, which is now at Seattle undergoing repairs, and is bringing much freight and many passengers north.

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The schooner Balboa has been chartered to carry lumber from Puget Sound to San Pedro at $5, the barkentine Benecia from Grays Harbor to Guaymas at $7.25, and the schooner Forester from Grays Harbor to Santa Rosalia at private terms.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

December 27.

San Francisco — Sailed: China, Hongkong; Lyra, Seattle; Rose City, Portland; Elizabeth, Bandon; Santa Barbara, Gray's Harbor.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Umatilla, Teucer, President, Delhi, Tacoma. Sailed: Antilochus, Victoria; Umatilla, Santa Rita, San Francisco; Meteor, Irondale; Honoluluan, Honolulu.

Dunkirk—Arrived: Queen Alexandra, San Francisco.

Hamburg—Arrived: Osiris, Seattle.

Hongkong—Arrived, previously: Cyclops, Tacoma.

Glasgow—Arrived: Senator, San Francisco.

Yokohama — Arrived, previously: Korea, San Francisco; Kamakura Maru, Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Wasp, Alaska; Charles Nelson, San Francisco. Sailed: Teucer, Umatilla, President, Delhi, Seattle; General Faidherbe, United Kingdom.

TO LIGHT COLUMBIA RIVER.

Will be as Light as Day—Vessels May Then Cross Bar at Nights Without Risk.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.—Henry L. Beck, inspector of the Seventeenth Lighthouse District, embracing the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, received word from Washington yesterday that his recommendation that the mouth of the Columbia river and the Columbia river bar be lighted with gas buoys, has been adopted.

The necessary apparatus which Inspector Back says will make the entrance to the Columbia river "as light as day," has been ordered from eastern factories and will be shipped to Astoria for placement as soon as possible. This aid to navigation at the mouth of the Columbia will permit vessels entering the river at night without undue risk. Heretofore vessels have been obliged to lay off the river on dark nights.

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UNDER AMERICAN FLAG.

Steamship Kroonland Transferred From Belgian Registry—Prepare for Canal.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Red Star liner Kroonland, which has sailed for three years under the Belgian flag, will henceforth fly the Stars and Stripes. Sailing yesterday for Antwerp the ship is in command of an American skipper, with an American flag at her masthead. The reasons for the change are not specified by the owners, but it is said that the completion of the Panama canal has something to do with it. The Kroonland's sister ship, the Finland, will also be taken under American registry within a few weeks.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF THE ORIENT

FIRST GLIMPSE OF OCCIDENTAL LIFE

Japanese Lady Missionary Comes to Labor in Hustling America

Yesterday afternoon a Times representative boarded the trans-Pacific liner Sado Maru for the purpose of a chat with a Japanese lady missionary who was reported to be among the passengers.

In the course of the search the scribe knocked at the door of one of the cabins, which hesitatingly opened and revealed two Japanese ladies in the middle of some repast, the delicacies they had purchased on shore during the morning. These bashful daughters of the Orient uttered little squeals of surprise when they saw a stranger standing without their portals, and hastily put the food out of sight under the seat. Then as their gaze fell on pencil and notebok the door was hastily closed, an appealing eye and nose only being visible through the aperture, while petitions arose in terrified Japanese within. It is not yet clear what particular feature of Occidentalism so frightened the ladies, but at that point another little lady, dressed picturesquely in kimona and sandals, approached and volunteered to clear up the mystery. She was so smilingly shy, but persistently brave, in facing the formidable enemy who had confronted her countrywomen that one could not but admire her pluck. At first she did not speak—simply smiled and looked questioningly; then broken words poured forth upon her two Oriental sisters within, who once more taking heart at the message, cautiously opened the door to its full width and looked out. It was then made clear by the last little lady that neither of the others spoke a word of English, and thought some horrible medical inspector or other ogre of western officialism had come to examine them. So, having partly solved the mystery, they were left to resume their disturbed feast.

The little Oriental person who had thus fearlessly come to their rescue was Miss Kusama, who is travelling through from Japan to Seattle, where she is going into the Japanese women's home to teach the Bible and do missionary work among the girls in the Japanese settlement there. The institution, it is interesting to know, is supported by the American Foreign Mission Society, and Miss Kusama has been invited to take up the mission work by Mrs. Yoshioka, the wife of the pastor in the Japanese settlement of Seattle, and Miss Robinson, the superintendent, who has personal charge of the home.

Miss Kusama has left her native country for the first time in her whole life, and when asked if she felt that she would be the least bit home sick said: "Many of my country-women have gone before, and many have stayed—because they like it!" the last added with a musical note of anticipation in the voice. She is looking forward to her experiences in the big land of which they hear so much in the Japanese schools, for there, she says, they have American teachers everywhere teaching the English language which is now compulsory in all the schools of that country.

"I have had, myself, an American teacher," she said (and here a very quaint touch was effected by the emphasis on the syllable "i" in American) "and she has told me much about this country. The boys and girls all go to the school together in our country now, until they are fourteen years of age; after that they go apart."

The schools in Japan, she said, were public, but were not absolutely free, a payment of about twenty-five cents a month being given, although education is compulsory.

It was very interesting to Miss Kusama to talk about the business departures her countrywomen have taken up in the last few years, and of this she is very proud. She, herself, has left behind a father and mother, two sisters and two brothers, and is quite pleased with the break she has made from the old-fashioned ideal which her parents had. She thinks that she will stay for at least three years in America, and maybe by that time she will want to return to teach English once more in her own country, "for then I will know better about your language," she says.

In Japan women have entered nearly every industrial field, and, while still adhering to their national dress, they are occupied now in post offices, as clerks, in telegraph offices, teaching, and even in publishing magazines, one—the Myji no Joshi, being published altogether under the auspices of the Japanese ladies of the Y. W. C. A. There are no typists yet of whom she knows; it certainly would be a novelty to see a lady in kimono perched on a stool tapping out Japanese characters, and quarrelling with the office boy about the stamping of the letters. The Y. W. C. A. magazine is not the only literary output of the progressive ladies of that Oriental isle, as they write poetry, and even fiction, although the ladies up to the present are interested more in the educational branches of writing. The Y. W. C. A. have a home and a boarding house for young school girls in Tokio; most of the business girls live at their own homes or at the homes of friends, and are not known to have yet risen to the Bohemianism of "digs" or "flats," as so many of the European business women have. One of the important features of both the Y. M. C. A. institutions and all the Japanese schools is the prevalence of gymnasia, "For there we think much of health and strength," said Miss Kusama, "and our women as well as our boys must spend many hours every week and every day in the training!" The effort to say the difficult word "gymnasium" was too much, and she fled once more behind the reserve of her smile.

Yesterday morning Miss Kusama left the Sado Maru and went for a walk about Victoria with a friend, and was very much impressed with the beauty and cleanliness of the western city. It must be remembered that this is absolutely her first experience of Occidental life, and she has come to the new land full of hope and enthusiasm. When asked if she intended adhering to her picturesque native dress she said that she fully hoped to do so, and thought that her pupils would look up to her more if she wore it still. "Besides," she said, looking at some of the English clothes about her, "it is so much the more comfortable."

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TO WORK DOUBLE SHIFT.

Operations of Dredging Plant in Victoria Harbor Will be Accelerated.

Supt. Bayfield, of the Dominion government dredging service in this province, is in Victoria in connection with work to be carried on in the harbor by the plant now operating there. Mr. Bayfield has recently returned from Ottawa, where he discussed with the officials of the public works department the plan of dredging operations to be conducted in British Columbia next year. Instructions have been received from headquarters for the plant in Victoria harbor, the Ajax and Mudlark, to be operated on the double daily shift basis. The Ajax has accommodation for two shifts and no doubt arrangements can be made to work the Mudlark double time. The Lobnitz rock-breaker has been working under two shifts for some time.

It is not definitely known how long this arrangement with the dredges will continue as it depends upon the condition of the dredging appropriation. However, provision will be made in the estimates for next year to have the dredges worked with double shifts.

The recent instruction covers the operations of the dredge Mastodon in the first narrows of Vancouver harbor.

She had just finished reading Edward Eyerett Hale's "The Man Without a Country," and as she laid it down she sighed and said:

"I cannot imagir anything worse than a man without a country."

"Oh, I can," said her friend.

"Why, what?"

"A country without a man."

PROGRAMME FOR HARBOR WORKS

DEEP WATER LINES SET BY INNER HARBOR BODY

Dredging of Northwest Channel Will Follow Immediately on Removal of Rocks

A programme for the harbor works to be undertaken in the port of Victoria was drawn up this morning at a meeting of the Inner Harbor Association and will be submitted to the city council for approval before being forwarded to Louis Coste, C.E., the engineer appointed by the government to report on the needs of the port.

The meeting of the association was held in the city hall and was attended by nearly all the members. There was a thorough discussion of plans and of the order in which the work in the inner harbor should be carried out.

Thomas C. Sorby, secretary of the association, laid before the members plans of the harbor showing the lines of deep water which ought to be adopted. These lines, which were approved of by the association and provide for a depth of twenty-six feet at the entrance to the harbor and in the outer harbor, twenty feet in the main harbor and twenty-five feet in the upper basin, above the railway bridge, all at zero low water.

The first work which will be undertaken in any scheme is the removal of the two rocks at the entrance to the harbor, one on either side, which work alone will be a great benefit. Following this the association decided that the programme to be pursued was the completion of the removal of Dredger rock, on which the rock cutter has been at work for some time, then the removal of the pin rock just east of Songhees Point, after which the work of dredging out the northwest channel should be proceeded with as soon and as rapidly as possible.

The removal of these rocks and the completion of the northwest channel will be of immense convenience to shipping, as it will give a clear run into the inner harbor from the entrance and will obviate following the present tortuous course along the James Bay shore. The new channel will lie between the shoal in the centre of the harbor entrance and the reserve shore. Steamers will be enabled to approach the inner harbor in a long sweep which will carry them into their berths without the slightest trouble. The bascule bridge, which will be built from Laurel Point to Songhees Point will, with this channel, be no obstruction to navigation, as vessels will be able to pass through with ease.

The deep water lines proposed in the plans approved by the association this morning provide for the dredging of the harbor up to within a short distance of the waterfront and allow ample room for the building of wharves and warehouses on both sides of the harbor. The plans will be submitted to the city council at once so that they can be sent on to Mr. Coste without delay.

MAN IS FINED FOR CRUELTY TO HORSE

Charges of Issuing False Cheques Preferred Against Advertising Solicitor

Cruelty to a horse caused by beating the animal over the face with a horsewhip handle last Saturday morning caused the appearance in the police court this morning of a man named A. J. Thompson, who was fined $25 with the alternative of one month's imprisonment, and received the opinion of the magistrate on his actions. The prosecution was launched by J. J. Russell, inspector for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who acted on the information of George William Allison, assistant sanitary inspector for the city. The latter witness told the court that on Saturday morning last he had seen the accused beat the horse over the face viciously and had previously heard a noise in the stable as of a horse plunging. He notified the inspector, with whom he went to the stable where Thompson kept his horse, and found that its face showed marks of a beating. He had seen the accused use the butt-end of the whip handle on the horse.

Inspector Russell said he had received complaints previously of a horse having been beaten by the accused and confirmed the evidence of the previous witness as to the marks on the horse when he visited the stable on the Saturday afternoon and saw the horse.

The defence brought several witnesses, one of whom in reply to the magistrate said that in handling a baulking horse he would strike it in several places but not on the face or

Court Starkman, a man well-known about the city as an advertising solicitor, was presented on a charge of obtaining money by means of a cheque drawn on the Great West Permanent Loan Company for $50, knowing the same to be valueless. He was remanded until to-morrow morning, when two other charges of a similar nature will be read against him. The cheques are for $50 and $100. Starkman did not plead this morning.

Lee Mong Kow, the Chinese interpreter, who has lately taken to automobile riding and is the possessor of a new automobile, appeared to answer a charge of automobile speeding and was fined $20, the usual amount. Lee Mong Kow explained to the court that his son had driven the machine and that he had not much driving experience.

OBITUARY RECORD

There died at Jubilee hospital yesterday, Tamior Beauchamp, relict of the late Robert Beauchamp, of Nanaimo. The late Mrs. Beauchamp, who was in her 75th year, had come to this city for medical treatment, but her age was against her and she succumbed peacefully at an early hour Wednesday. Mrs. Beauchamp was born in England and has been a resident of this country for many years. She is survived by a grown-up family. The remains are at the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co. and will be forwarded to Nanaimo Saturday morning by the E. & N. railway, where they will be interred beside those of her husband. The deceased lady was a member of the woman's branch of the A. O. F. at Nanaimo, which order will take charge of the remains on arrival at the Coal City. Burial will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.

The funeral of the late H. Paul Renwick, late of Rossland, and at one time a resident of the city, took place this morning from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., at 10.15, and from St. John's church, where service was conducted by the Rev. J. Stanley Ard. The remains were interred in Ross Bay cemetery, beside those of his father. The pallbearers, all members of the provincial surveyors department, were as follows: E. B. McKay, T. Bamfield, Cecil M. Roberts, P. Landry, F. C. Green, W. S. Drewry. The late Mr. Renwick was a surveyor by profession.

The remains of the late Mrs. Emily Gertrude Thompson, beloved wife of W. F. H. Thompson, who passed away in Jubilee hospital yesterday, will be laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.'s chapel at 2.30, where service will be conducted.

Joseph Cope, of this city, passed away at the Kamloops sanitarium on Tuesday night after a long illness. The remains will be forwarded to this city for interment, and will arrive tomorrow afternoon. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

The funeral of the late James R. Kennedy, who died at St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday, took place this morning from the Victoria Undertaking pariors and at 9 o'clock from St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral. Rev. Father McDonald celebrated mass and conducted the funeral services at Ross Bay cemetery. The following gentlemen from the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Institute acted as pallbearers: John Hart, W. H. Harris, J. O'Connell, James McArthur, Frank J. Sehl, D. McDougall, Thomas Montgomery and J. J. McKenna. Deceased is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Downey of Halifax, N. S.

Miss Annie S. King died yesterday afternoon at the home of her niece, Mrs. Van Horne, 1028 Chamberlann street. Miss King, who is a native of Truro, Nova Scotia, has been resident in this city for the past twelve years, and, when health permitted, was an active worker in the First Baptist church. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Chamberlain street on Saturday afternoon at 2.30, the Rev. J. B. Warnicker officiating.

The Rev. Dr. Ritchie, of Edinburgh, when examining a student on one occasion, said: "And you attended the class for mathematics?"

"Yes."

"How many sides has a circle?"

"Two" said the student.

"What are they?"

What a laugh in the class the student's answer produced when he said, "An inside and an outside."

But this was nothing compared with what followed.

The doctor having said to the student, "and you attended the moral philosophy class also?" added: "Well, you would hear lectures there on various subjects. Did you ever hear one on cause and effect?"

"Yes." "Does an effect ever go before a cause?" "Yes." "Give me an instance." "A man wheeling a barrow." The doctor proposed no more questions.

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CANNOT HERD SHEEP SAYS TIDERINGTON

Man Arrested by City Police Travelled and Ate With Men Who Sought Him

Archibald Tiderington, who was arrested Tuesday night by Constable Murray on a charge of embezzlement arising out of a business transaction at Walla Walla, and who yesterday afternoon was remanded until Saturday by Judge Lampman sitting as extradition commissioner, does not hold a very high opinion of the Pinkerton detective agency employees, and briefly remarked in connection with them, yesterday, that they could not herd sheep.

Tiderington's remarks regarding the Pinkerton men are the result of his wanderings during the last six weeks while he has been travelling about the mainland and Vancouver island. The Pinkerton men were sent after him by the authorities at Walla Walla, where he was in business as a saddler, and they believed they were on his track, while they were actually with him.

As he sat waiting the appearance of Judge Lampman to hear the application for extradition, in conversation with the detectives who were with him yesterday afternoon, Tiderington said that he had seen the Pinkerton men along with him as he journeyed about the island and the mainland. "They thought they were following me," he said, "while in fact they were with me." From his remarks he led his hearers to believe that the Pinkertons travelled with him on the boats and trains and stayed in the same hotels with him during his journeys.

"I never tried to get away from them," he said, "because th e is no reason why I should." They had his description and he being by no means a hard man to distinguish, because of his size and appearance, there was no reason why the Pinkerton men travelling with him should not have picked him out as easily as did the Victoria detective who saw him sitting in a real estate office here.

Tiderington maintains that there is no case against him, but that he is worried about his two children, six and eight years of age, whom he has left with a relative. "The babies cause me more anxiety than this bother," he said yesterday, and he wants to get back to them.

Extradition proceedings were commenced yesterday and a remand allowed without bail. W. C. Moresby, who appears for him, obtained an arrangement from Judge Lampman whereby the accused should be held at the provincial jail on Hillside avenue instead of in the city lock-up, because, from Mr. Moresby's statement, the city jail is not a fit or proper place in which to confine any human being.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., appeared for the authorities.

The charge against Tiderington on which extradition is sought is that he has embezzled $3,000 from a Portland firm with whom he did business. He is alleged to have sold all his property and incurred much debt and left Walla Walla with the proceeds without settling with his creditors. When arrested he had in his possession about $13,000 in currency, and the money was taken by the police. This morning an order was obtained from a supreme court judge for the payment of the money to his solicitor. The order was duly presented to the chief of police by Frederick G. Fowkes, solicitor, and the money will be handed by the chief of police to the registrar of the county court, who will take care of it until the case is decided by the court.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Cecil Vaux Pitts, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated the 8th day of December, 1911, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me on or before the 8th day of January, 1912, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

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WRONGLY DIAGNOSED

During those periodic spasms known as "mad-dog scares" everyone loses his head except the dog—and usually—his owner. A crowd had gathered at a street corner to watch a handsome fox-terrier that was running about with his nose in the air. White froth was issuing from the dog's mouth.

"He's mad!" yelled a fat man. The fox-terrier stood in the centre of the group, with wide-open eyes, either too mad or too frightened to move. At this juncture the policeman arrived. A dozen voices began to tell him that the dog was mad; that it must be killed; that it had been snapping at children; that it began to foam at the mouth when it passed a pool of water, and how best to shoot it.

A tall, quiet-looking woman pushed through the crowd and started toward the dog. A dozen men yelled at her, two or three men grabbed at her. She picked up the dog and started out of the crowd.

The policeman stopped her with:—

"Madam, that dog is mad. He must be shot. Look at the foam coming out of his mouth."

"Foam!" she said, contemptuously. "That's a cream puff he was eating."

TAKING WAYS

He met her on the crowded shore. She said, "Have we met before?" And soon he was enraptured for, she had such taking ways.

He played the role of gallant beau; escorted her all o'er the show; it was expensive, but, you know, she had such taking ways.

With charming disregard for price, he paid for oysters, stout, and ice; and, oh! he thought her awfully nice, she had such taking ways.

Her face to his he gently drew, and vowed for ever he'd be true; it broke her heart to bid adieu, she had such taking ways.

But next day gestures quite insane accompanied angry words profane; for she had pinched his watch and chain, she had such "taking" ways.

WEST TO EAST

"An' where is it ye are goin' this time, Will avick?" an old Irishwoman asked of a blue jacket whose ship was ordered abroad.

"The West Indies this time, grannie," said he.

"Musha, the good fairies must have sent ye! Now, when ye git there will it be after taking a walk to the Aist Indies ye'll be, to oblige an ould woman? Sure, me dear son Michael's there, and Ol'd loilke ye to take his mother's blessin'!"

THE KING'S HIGH WEIGH

"YOU OLD RASCAL"

One of the most amusing stories which the Hon. Lionel A. Tollemache tells in "Nuts and Chestnuts" is that entitled "The Wrong Envelope." Mr. M——, a missionary, shortly before leaving England, received two letters—one from Archbishop Tait asking him to dine, and the other from the secrtary of a religious society, a very old friend, asking him to preach. He accepted the Archbishop's invitation, and at the same time wrote to the secretary, but put the letters into the wrong envelopes.

After the dinner at Lambeth the Archbishop said to him: "Mr. M——, do you always answer your dinner invitations in the same way?"

"I do not understand your Grace."

The letter, which was then shown to the missionary, ran thus: "You old rascal! Why did you not ask me before? You know perfectly well that I shall be on the high seas on the date you name."

A WAGER STRANGELY LOST.

In the year 1765, one Carr, waterman, having laid a wager that he and his dog would both leap from the centre arch of Westminster Bridge, and land at Lambeth within a minute of each other, he jumped off first, and the dog immediately followed; but not being in the secret and fearing his master should be drowned, the dog laid hold of him by the neck and dragged him on shore, to the no small diversion of the spectators.

PRECISE.

"Fancy old Bill, of all people, going into the gunpowder shed with a lighted candle!" remarked the proprietor of an explosive factory to his foreman. "I should have thought that would be the last thing he'd do."

"Which, properly speakin', it were, sir!" responded the foreman.

"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE.

Customer (looking in mirror): "Great scissors, barber, you've gone and cleared every blessed hair off my head."

Barber: "Isn't that what you told me to do?"

"Told you to do? Why, man, I told you I wanted it cut a la mode."

"I beg pardon, sir. I thought you said you wanted it all mowed."

WHICH?

A lieutenant fired at a rabbit, but did not hit it, and narrowly missed the major of the regiment, who was in front of him. "I say lieutenant," exclaimed the major, "are you shooting for sport or for promotion."

The end of love may be a quarrel—or it may be a mother-in-law.

JANUARY

COLUMBIA DOUBLE-DISC RECORDS

Again the Columbia company are at the fore with a large and varied selection of Records for January. We make special mention of the first appearance of the celebrated operatic contralto, Rosa Olitzka in the Columbia repertoire.

Four Numbers by Rosa Olitzka

A5340—LE PROPHETE (Meyerbeer) "Ah, mon fils" (Oh, my son). In French TANNHAUSER, (Wagner). "Frau Holda kam aus dem Berg hervor." (Shepherd's Song.) "Dame Holda stepp'd from the mountain's heart." In German.

A5341—XERXES, (Handel.) "Ombra mai fu." (These Leafy Shades.) (Handel's Largo") In Italian. LA GIOCONDA. (Ponchielli.) "Voce di donna o d'angelo." (Voice of angel or mortal.) In Italian.

A5332—Two famous Oratorio Arias by Bispham—THE MESSIAH. (Handel.) Why Do the Nations. SAMSON (Handel) Honor and Arms.

A1081—Claude Cunningham makes new records—THOU'RT LIKE UNTO A LOVELY FLOWER. (Smith.) Claude Cunningham, baritone. COME L'AMORE. (Tirindell.) Claude Cunningham, baritone.

A5335—ONLY JESUS. (Harkness.) NEVER GIVE UP. (I. Allen (Main.)—Gypsy Smith.

A5334—JUST FOR TO-DAY. (Victor H. Benke.) THERE IS JOY IN MY SOUL. (I. Allen Sankey.)—Gypsy Smith.

A5336—WHERE HE LEADS ME. (Bliss.) CHRIST, MY ALL.)Main.(—Gypsy Smith.

A5331—A wonderful popular-priced record of the beautiful "Aida" Finale—AIDA. (Verdi.) "O terra addio." (Farewell, oh earth.) In Italian. Luisa Villani, soprano, Carlo Cartica, tennor, and chorus. SELECTIONS FROM "AIDA" (Verdi.) Prince's Orchestra.

A5338—Gounod's celebrated "Sanctus" recorded by Charles W. Harrison—SANCTUS. (Gounod.) In Latin. Charles W. Harrison, tenor, and Columbia Mixed Quartette. LOVE DIVINE! ALL LOVE EXCELLING, from "THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS." (Stainer.) Beulah Gaylord Young, soprano, Charles W. Harrison, tenor.

A5339—Gems from a famous romantic opera—"CHIMES OF NORMANDY." (Planquette.) Columbia Light Opera Company. WITH JOY, MY HEART (Valse Rondo) from "Chimes of Normandy." (Planquette.) Andrea Sarto, baritone.

A1091—A well known standard ballad by Grace Kerns—DEAR HEART. (Mattel.) Grace Kerns, soprano. WHISPERING HOPE. (Hawthorne.) Beulah Gaylord Young, soprano, Clara Moister, alto.

A10862—Collins and Campbell record the hit of the month—THAT MYSTERIOUS RAG. (Berlin and Snyder.) Albert Campbell, tenor, Arthur Collins, baritone. WHEN SUNDAY ROLLS AROUND. (Weslyn and Arndt.) Ada Jones, soprano, Walter Van Brunt, tenor.

A1086—Amusing sketches by Fred Duprez and Golden & Hughes—THE 11.69 EXPRESS. (Robinson.) Musical monologue. Fred Duprez. Orchestra accompaniment. DARKTOWN POETS—Vaudeville sketch. Golden and Hughes.

A5337—The great "Tannhauser" Overture—OVERTURE TO TANNHAUSER. (Wagner.) Part I. (Andante maestoso.) OVERTURE TO TANNHAUSER. (Wagner.) Part II. (Allegro.)

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. S. Garfield, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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C. E. Eckert, of Chilliwack, is visiting the city for a few days.

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W. J. T. Mckay, of Vancouver, has arrived at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Gill, of Vancouver, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

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Dr. T. Glendon Moody, and Dr. H. P. Moody are in the city from Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Montgomery, of Quatsino, have arrived in the city from the north.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carew Gibson, of Vancouver, have arrived at the Empress hotel on a brief visit.

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Mrs. J. W. Elliott, Quadra street, will not be at home to-day, but will be on the 4th Thursday in January.

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Dr. P. F. Scharschmidt, accompanied by his sons Howard and Guy, spent Christmas with Mrs. Geo. Butler, Saanich.

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E. Gasper registered at the Empress hotel yesterday on his return from the Orient, where he has been on tour. He returned on the Sado Maru from Yokohama.

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The marriage of Miss Teresa Graham, Kendal, England, and Mr. Harry Gallery, Holme, Westmoreland, England, will take place early in the spring at "Drummoyne," Rithet street, the residence of Mrs. McLauchlin.

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W. A. Macdonald, K. C., Vancouver's city solicitor, it is understood, is to be named as commissioner to inquire on behalf of the provincial government into disputes concerning certain subdivisions on the lower mainland.

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Announcement is made that the marriage of Miss Charlotte Shepherd, second daughter of Frank Shepherd, M. P., to Mr. Alan M. Anderson, son of W. B. Anderson, Victoria, will be solemnized at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Nanaimo, on Saturday next.

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A marriage was solemnized on Christmas Day between Miss Maud Ethel Brownsey and Mr. William Edgar Herbert, both of Victoria. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. George Brownsey, father of the bride. The officiating minister was Rev. H. P. Thorpe.

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E. F. Robinson has returned from a lecturing tour in Okanagan, Kootenay and Arrow Lakes districts, where he had been sent by the provincial department of agriculture to treat of bee-keeping and honey production. Great interest was manifested by the people and Mr. Robinson found that conditions are very favorable in those districts to the production of honey, yields of 75 to 90 pounds a hive being reported. The flora of the country is adapted for the keeping of bees, as along the Okanagan lake and at Peachland there are hundreds of acres of sage brush and along Arrow lake and in the Kootenay there is to be found white clover, willow herb and wild berries in abundance, with the addition of alfalfa in the Kootenay.

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The wedding of Harry J. Davis and Ethel Winifred Tilton took place yesterday at Christ Church, the ceremony being performed by Very Rev. Dean Doull. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Davis, Oxford, England, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tilton, of Victoria. The groom is a member of the firm of Shaw, Davis & Prickett, Ltd., Calgary, where Mr. and Mrs. Davis will live after the conclusion of the honeymoon now being spent in the sound cities. The bride was attended by Miss Kathleen Morris, of Vancouver, and the groomsman was J. F. Meredith, of Vancouver. A reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Tilton, Ellora, Foul Bay road, after which the newly married people left on their honeymoon, receiving many gifts and wishes for a happy new year.

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The United Commercial Travelers ball took place last night at the Alexandra club where between three and four hundred people were present. This event has become an annual affair and is looked forward to with much enjoyment by members of the travelling fraternity and their friends, all of whom danced until early this morning. Bantley's orchestra was engaged for the musical programme and praise was given the complement of musicians for their excellent time and the engaging selections assembled on the programme, consisting of favorite two-steps and waltzes. The encores were frequent and were called for four and five times after each dance during the latter part of the programme. A well selected and abundant buffet supper testified that the knights of the grip had in no way overlooked the necessary details for the pleasure and entertainment of their guests.

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A young teacher whose efforts to inculcate elementary anatomy had been unusually discouraging at last asked in despair:

"Well, I wonder if any boy here can tell me what the spinal cord really is?"

She was met by a row of blank and irresponsive faces, till finally one small voice piped up in great excitement:

"The spinal cord is what runs through you. Your head sits on one end and you sit on the other."

The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

"There was nothing in the least business, official or stenographic about her manner. If her head bulged with facts about the treatment of the deficient classes, no hint of that appeared in her talk at parties. Few of the young men she danced with thought her clever, and this shows how clever she really was. For there are men in this world who will run ten city blocks in any weather to avoid talking to a woman who knows more than they do, and knows it, and shows that she knows that she knows it."

—Henry Snydor Harrison.

I once heard a very clever girl say bitterly, "Men don't want a girl to have any brains. The more of a fool a girl is, the better they like her."

Now this girl is a person who is extremely clever, and extremely and eternally conscious of the fact. She is of the type that Mr. Harrison describes as knowing more than men do, and knowing it, shows that she knows that she knows it.

And from her bitterness, it is very evident that she has had the experience with men, which Mr. Harrison prophesied for the girl of this type.

Nevertheless, I think she was decidedly unjust in her deduction that men never like a clever girl, but prefer a fool. Given a pretty girl with brains, and another equally pretty without, after the same man, and it's the girl with brains who will win out nine times out of ten. It isn't the cleverness that men object to. It's the display of and consciousness of that cleverness that they don't like.

And it isn't just men who object to that—it's everybody.

People who know a great deal, and know it in such a disagreeable manner that they make other people feel uncomfortable and ignorant, are always at a discount.

It isn't the amount of knowledge, but the manner of it, that offends.

One man may know a great deal, and know it in such a humble unobtrusive manner that he never grates on anyone. Another may not know half so much, and yet be so blatant and obtrusive about his little stock of knowledge, that he makes himself distinctly unpopular by it.

I once went to walk with a man who knew a great deal about botany, and rubbed it into me at every step. He spoke of the trees and flowers by their technical Latin names, and seemed duly surprised when I did not recognize them, and he even called the salt hay "sedgus maritimus." I assure you I did not care to repeat that walk.

Maybe it's an unworthy characteristic of human nature to object to having one's ignorance in any direction constantly and forcibly thrust upon one, but it is certainly a universal trait, and anyone who wants to be popular had better take it into account.

Besides, this blatant, self-conscious, always-calling-attention-to-itself variety of knowledge is nothing more nor less than selfishness.

Anyone who continually injects samples of his own superior wisdom into the conversation, thus making it unintelligible and uninteresting to others, is just an educated variety of common pork.

Don't be so bitter because your cleverness is unappreciated by others.

Try appreciating and displaying this wonderful cleverness a little less yourself, and see if other people do not come to have a greater regard for it and you.

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SENSATIONAL HISTORY OF THE HAZELTON TOWNSITES

Provincial Government and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Partners in Doubtful Real Estate Transaction—Facts in the Case.

"If any private individual had done what the Grand Trunk Pacific has attempted to do in this case he would have been in the penitentiary, and rightly so. I have never known of a more deliberate attempt to deprive an individual of his rights, and I want to say so most emphatically.

"An order will be issued compelling the Grand Trunk Pacific to locate its station at the point at which it agreed, and an injunction will be issued against their own proposal."—Judge Mabee in judgment rendered in New Hazelton Townsite case.

The Province of British Columbia has achieved an enviable notoriety in the money markets of the world. This is because of the number and satisfactory character of its opportunities for the investment of capital either with a view to industrial development or in a more speculative manner. Because of the fertility of the soil in its numerous valleys, where agricultural areas exist, and because of the opening up of hitherto forbidden districts by railway extensions it has been widely and successfully advertised as a land of promise both for the settler and the speculative capitalist. It affords so many opportunities for bona fide investments that its exploitation, either by corporations, private individuals or its government, would seem to be the last measure necessary to be adopted to profit from the honest cultivation of its opportunities.

Occasionally notes of warning have been sounded in the British press by would-be investors, who have carefully examined the tempting inducements offered them to profitably utilize their money, and in a few instances the warnings have had foundation in suspicious circumstances surrounding deals that have been projected. On the whole, however, the province maintains its standing as a desirable sphere for investments, and it cannot be robbed of so favorable a reputation abroad excepting by such deeds as have characterized the action of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the provincial government in the handling of the Hazelton Townsite on the Skeena river.

The now famous Hazelton Townsites case is one which will go down in history reflecting little credit upon those who have been responsible for the expedients by which the public, both in Canada and Great Britain, have been induced to venture upon doubtful investments.

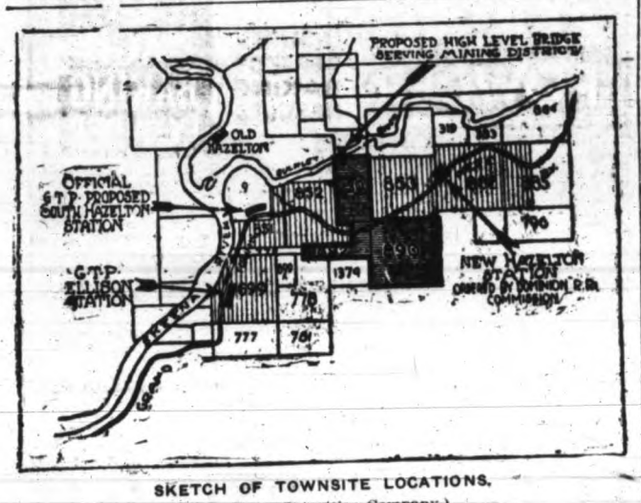
The case is still more famous because of the recent ruling made by the Railway Commission of the Dominion, which has resulted in disclosure of the whole dishonorable plot which has brought discredit upon the principals in the scheme. The case involves so many investors, and may lead to such legal complications in the final adjustment of claims, that a review of its whole history will be of value to those who are sufficiently interested in British Columbia investments to learn the salient lessons it affords.

The projection of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway through the northwestern part of the province predicated the opening of an unsurveyed territory that was known to be rich in natural resources. The new line of railway would, in reaching the Pacific coast, traverse a section of the province extending more than a hundred miles inland from the mouth of the Skeena river, over which prospectors, miners and others passed on their journey into the rich interior. At the head of navigation on the Skeena river is situated the old town—or Indian village—of Hazelton, which for many years has been an important distributing point. The railway passes within four miles of Hazelton, which it was impossible to enter owing to physical difficulties. Thus the present town of Hazelton will be abandoned, its business men removing to the new town on the railway.

The engineers of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company were instructed to locate along the line of their completed survey any land which would, in their opinions, become desirable for townsite or station grounds. One of the explicit instructions given them was to pay due regard in these locations to securing a suitable townsite from which centre the considerable trade already radiating from Hazelton could be conserved for the business of the railway. Hazelton village is approximately four miles from the established line of the railway. The locating engineer in charge of the party making the townsite selections in that part of the province, determined upon a section (640 acres) of land at a point where the government wagon road from Hazelton to Aldermere crosses the railway line. The Townsite department of the railway company was duly notified of this location and the location was incorporated in the official plans of the company. The railway officials were slow in taking action to secure the property, and the engineer some time after making the location quit the service of the company. As the land had been located in his name he was the registered owner, and he disposed of his property to some parties in the city of Vancouver, where, after passing through the hands of several intermediaries, it fell into the possession of Mr. Robert Kelly and others. The section was sub-divided and Mr. Kelly's agents sold a number of lots, the purchasers doubtless acquiring them on the understanding that they were buying lots in the Grand Trunk Pacific townsite of New Hazelton.

During the progress of these events the railway was extended eastward along the coast, and Mr. G. U. Ryley, land commissioner for the railway company, came to British Columbia to set in order the townsite affairs.

The method adopted by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway with respect to its townsite operations is worthy of explanation, as it affords a partial clue to the sinuous course of the company in its later dealings and gives an insight into the peculiar circumstances which led to the present situation. Mr. George J. Hammond, a well-known Vancouver broker, is authority for the statement that the practice of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company is to require a free gift of land selected for station or townsite purposes, and that, on delivery of the title to such property the company permits the former owner to sell the lots, giving him an agreed commission for doing so and then dividing the proceeds of the sales. The placing of the station on the property is, apparently, considered by the company quid pro quo for the half interest in the lands. To quote Mr. Hammond: "In other words, the railway company pays nothing whatever for the property; the owner does all the work and turns over most of the proceeds to the railway company."



SKETCH OF TOWNSITE LOCATIONS.
(Northern Securities Company.)

Mr. Robert Kelly could not see it that way, and he refused to "stand and deliver" on these terms. The company then attempted to secure other station grounds, and about a year ago accepted a half interest (presumably on their usual terms) in Ellison, an alleged townsite situated several miles down the Skeena river and approximately four miles from Hazelton. A great many lots were sold in Ellison in the belief of probably both buyers and sellers that this place would be the Grand Trunk Pacific station in place of Old Hazelton. It was afterwards discovered that the site of Ellison was absolutely impossible as a railway depot, as it was some 250 feet higher and precipitously above the railway track, and in an inapproachable position. Consequently it had to be abandoned.

Situated about a mile east of Ellison and nearly six miles from Mr. Kelly's charted townsite (New Hazelton) was a section of land owned by Mr. R. F. Green of Victoria, and Mr. W. J. Sanders, then sergeant-at-arms of the provincial legislative assembly. This property is shown on the sketch incorporated in this article as 852 and 851. Lot 852 had passed out of the hands of Messrs. Green and Sanders, and Mr. Hammond, who then controlled it, was like Mr. Robert Kelly, he could not see the profit in a transaction in which he must pass over his major interest to the Grand Trunk Pacific. He accordingly declined to do so, and the new townsite was located on 851, of whose ownership there can be no doubt.

This townsite was then called South Hazelton, and the provincial government almost immediately after negotiations were concluded, announced a "joint" sale of lots in this alleged Grand Trunk Pacific station site. Public auctions were held in both Victoria and Vancouver and a large number of lots were acquired by innocent speculators, who thought that both the G. T. P. and the provincial government were behind the townsite, and it looked a good investment to them.

It was during the progress of these sales that Mr. Robert Kelly made application to the Railway Commission of Canada to prevent the removal of the original townsite and railway station, from 852 and 863, as shown in the sketch. These last named lots were those designated as the station site on the map filed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company with the Railway Commission, approved by them and deposited with the government of the province of British Columbia.

Singularly enough, though both the provincial authorities and the Grand Trunk Pacific Company were aware of Mr. Kelly's appeal and were represented before the Railway Commission, the sale of lots in 851 was continued until the very day when Judge Mabee, chairman of the Railway Commission, gave judgment sustaining the appeal of Mr. Robert Kelly and ordering the official townsite to be established on lot 852.

There can be no doubt that both the G. T. P. and the government were advised of the appeal of Mr. Kelly to the Railway Commission. Mr. Kelly had previously applied to the courts of the province for an injunction to restrain the company and government from selling the lots in 851. The trial court declared the case to be beyond his jurisdiction and advised Mr. Kelly that his recourse lay in an appeal to the commission. This appeal was immediately taken and it was during the time that elapsed between the hearing in the British Columbia courts and the appeal to the commission that the G. T. P. rushed the sale of the lots.

It is unnecessary to mince words in contemning the action of either the railway company or the government, which was jointly responsible with the company, for the haste exhibited in the sale of these lots. Judge Mabee said in delivering judgment that if the same course had been followed by a private individual he could be sent to the penitentiary for the act, and quite properly.

This is the hardest blow the fair name of the province has ever received in respect to any of the real estate exploitations which have taken place. All over the continent the newspapers are commenting on the extraordinary course of both the railway and the government. All the facts were brought out in the evidence before the Railway Commission, and whatever judgment is formed of those who were directly responsible for the attempt to pillage the pockets of the investing public, that judgment cannot be a charitable one. There appears to be no incident in the course of the whole series of transactions which can justify the unscrupulous deal.

How the government of the province, elected, not only to conduct its affairs and administer its public domain in a manner honorable to the province, can justify itself before the investing public of the world is yet to be heard.

To the public mind the craze for land speculation seems to have taken possession of every department of the provincial government. Not more than a year ago when the mining and land boom at Stewart was at its height the government sold lots in that townsite at prices that are now known to be fabulous. Some of these lots are said to have been covered with water and they were sold to purchasers who had never seen the property simply because they confided in the good faith of the government. There is no reasonable doubt that Stewart will, in time, become a prosperous mining centre and distributing point because the interior of the province adjacent and to which Stewart is the natural gateway is known to be rich in mineral resources. But the prices paid to the government for some of these lots were ridiculously high and much of the same property can be repurchased to-day for half the figure at which it was sold.

The fact appears to be that the government took advantage of a wild speculative boom, fostered by exaggerated reports of the early future of the place, with the result that, while the province gained, individuals lost and some of them heavily. The province is some hundreds of thousands of dollars in pocket, while the confiding public is that much out.

The circumstances connected with the exploitation of South Hazelton are somewhat similar. Those who were in the know are said to have regarded the sale of lands held at Victoria and Vancouver, and perhaps elsewhere, as little more than a "confidence game." Their reasons for using the term is that the public confided in the good intentions of the government and the investors rightly argued with themselves that the government must be in the knowledge of the situation, therefore, the investments were safe. In the case of South Hazelton, a powerful railway corporation added the strength of its name to the transaction but in the Stewart case the government stood alone.

It is not improbable that in the case of South Hazelton the investors will receive their money back—at least some of it. But there is no present assurance that the same thing will happen in the case at Stewart. Though there will be a town some time at Stewart, in the South Hazelton situation, if the instructions of the Railway Commission are carried out, the lots can never be worth much more than they are in their present wild condition.

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The Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell this water to the City of Victoria, in such quantities as the city may desire, and at prices far below the cost at which the city can bring water from any other source.

To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the indebtedness of the city will be **TWO MILLION DOLLARS,** at the very least.

We want every Taxpayer to consider and analyze figures truly and honestly representing actual conditions and showing in the next seventeen years a saving of almost **TWO MILLION DOLLARS** to be made by buying water from this company, as against installing the Sooke Lake system.

To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the annual tax levy of Victoria City will be $119,000, at the very least.

In this statement no provision is made for payment of a Sinking Fund which will cost the ratepayers about $50,000 per annum more—an exaction from present ratepayers for the benefit of posterity.

COST PER YEAR TO THE TAXPAYERS

For the Water Supply from Sooke Lake:

(a)	Interest and Discount on $1,700,000 installation cost at 5 per cent per annum	$ 85,000
(b)	Interest and Discount on $200,000 land purchase cost at 5 per cent per annum	10,000
(c)	Cost of maintenance of system from Sooke Lake to City Limits	24,000
	Annual cost	$119,000

In this statement no provision is made for any work costing more than the Engineer's estimates. In nearly every case the actual cost exceeds the estimate.

17-YEAR BASIS

The fair method of testing a public utility system from the basis of cost to taxpayers is to provide for time of construction and fifteen years' operation.

The Engineer fixes 2 years for construction, and adding the first 15 years' operation, we have a period of 17 years affecting present ratepayers.

On this 17-year basis, multiplying the yearly cost of $119,000 by 17, we have $2,023,000 as the amount in taxes which the present ratepayer will have to pay for the use of Sooke Lake water.

During this 17-year term the city's use of water will raise from the minimum of 3,500,000 gallons per day to a maximum of 10,500,000 gallons per day; giving an average of 7,000,000 gallons per day for the 17-year period.

Under the Sooke Lake project the present ratepayers will have to pay for double the quantity of water which can by any possibility be used, meaning increased taxes and a dead loss.

The estimate of cost prepared by the City's Engineer is $1,700,000 to complete the Sooke Lake system. This is probably an underestimate, and any figures published to show a contract at a lower figure are false. The contract is being made on a piecework basis, and not for a lump sum.

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Esquimalt Waterworks Company guarantees to reduce taxes **$100,000** per year for 10 years.

As against the Sooke Lake cost of not less than **$119,000** per year, and a Sinking Fund cost of **$40,000** per year, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell to the city ten million gallons of water per day for a ten-year term for $50,000 per year, delivered in the City. This will effect a saving of $100,000 per year to the Taxpayer when the Sinking Fund is taken into account.

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To bring water from Sooke Lake will subject the taxpayers to the following losses:

(a) Loss of interest during construction;

(b) Cost of operating Elk Lake system during construction;

(c) Annual tax loss of $100,000, at the least;

(d) Cost of difficulties of construction discoverable only by actual work.

We ask the Taxpayers of Victoria to give fair and impartial consideration to the facts above set forth.

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JOHN R. SAUNDERS, Secretary

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We all sympathize with those who even believe they are fighting for a just cause, but we just do like to know who and where the client of this just cause can be found in Victoria.

"ANXIOUS."

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26, 1911.

LICENSE LAW RESTRICTIONS.

To the Editor: I wish to call the attention of your readers to a rather peculiar situation that arose as the result of closing the licensed houses of this city on Christmas Day, and which should give pause to some of our ultra-enthusiastic moral reformers who are striving to have enacted still further vexatious regulations governing the sale of intoxicants in Victoria.

I am credibly informed that on Christmas Day hundreds of young men went outside the city limits to well-known resorts and indulged their cravings for liquor in a manner that would not have been possible in the centre of the city if they had been patronizing the bars of license holders, who make it a rule not to serve liquor to intoxicated persons.

It is quite to be expected, on the contrary, that in the outside places, away from the eyes of the officers of the law, no scruples are likely to be felt about supplying all the liquor that customers are willing to pay for.

It appears to me that in its efforts to protect our citizens from even a moderate indulgence in intoxicants our city council has only succeeded in making matters worse.

Its action might be compared to that of a fond parent who carefully locks the garden gate to prevent his little boy from getting out on the highway, where he might get run over by an automobile, but overlooks the fact that a neighbor has left the trap-door of his coal cellar open, which the child can reach without difficulty.

It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that this whole question of regulating the sale of liquor is looked at by many worthy people from a very narrow point of view.

I would like to ask such people if it helps matters to make vexatious regulations for those who are running orderly houses, living up to the letter and the spirit of the law, if the only effect is going to be to drive the business to the indifferently conducted resorts? Or even granting that the outside license-holders are law-abiding, why should the city retailer be placed at such an unfair disadvantage?

Consider carefully if it is wise to make restrictions that will cause drinking to become more general in outside districts where the police are little in evidence. Do we want some of our residential sections to be disturbed by parties of nocturnal revellers?

A. BLYGH.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

To the Editor: I beg the privilege of saying a few words in reply to your editorial on Christian Science in the Times of December 16. I might say at the outset that I have been a student of this subject for a number of years, but I have met with nothing in the teaching of Christian Science, or in the experiences of Christian Scientists that would in any degree justify your charges.

It seems to me that the whole question resolves itself into one of actual results, in accordance with the Master's teaching that a tree is known by its fruit. It is now generally conceded, even by its opponents, that much good has been accomplished by Christian Science, and that its influence upon the character and conduct of those who practice it is beneficial in a high degree.

In view of these facts, your charge that Christian Science is "a menace to rationality and even to life," and that Christian Scientists have the liberty to practice their faith only "because their unconverted fellow-citizens look after the public health," is somewhat astonishing. It would make strange reading to lay such a charge against the Methodists or the Presbyterians or the Episcopalians, and yet it would be as reasonable in one class as in the other. You must have a grotesque idea of the habits and mode of life of Christian Scientists, but I can assure you they are practically the same as other people. They believe in the best methods of sanitation, wholesome food, cleanliness in all things, and take as good care of the body in every way as do others. They believe in reporting cases of contagious disease to the proper authorities, and do so as a rule when the occasion arises. What more are their fellow-citizens doing to conserve the public health? Of course it is true—and this may be what has alarmed you—that they do not take medicine when they are sick, but why should they? Many of the most successful physicians are prescribing less medicine all the time, some going so far as to deny that it has any virtue whatever. I venture to say that if your own experience had proved to you beyond a question that you enjoyed better health or recovered more rapidly from sickness, without the use of drugs, you would consider it the most commonsense course to leave them alone.

It is true, also, that Christian Scientists are learning to rely upon God alone for their healing when sickness overtakes them—and why shouldn't they? Is there anything in the Scriptures, or in the creeds and doctrines of "the great historic churches" you refer to, that would disparage one's Christianity on that account, or that would deny the Christian the privilege of trusting God with all his heart and soul and mind and strength? Is there anything in the Master's teachings that would impugn the wisdom of such a course? It must be true beyond question that God is worthy to be trusted with all we have, and that Christ is worthy to be followed and obeyed in all ways and all the way. Else, wherefore so much preaching and praying and church-going? I have seen the famous Dr. Osler quoted as saying that hope is the best medicine one can take; then if hope is so good for the health, faith must be better, while the knowledge of God as the life of man is even more to be commended. Why, sir, one would imply from your position that a man's religion should be a matter of sentiment rather than of practice; and that no matter how earnestly we may be exhorted in the Scriptures and from the pulpit to have faith in God in time of trouble, it is dangerous and irrational to take these exhortations too seriously. What can Christianity be for if not to enable mankind to overcome evil of every kind?

It is a rather gratuitous misjudgment of Christian Scientists to say that "if it (Christian Science) had the power, it would leave us at the mercy of disease-producing microbes and put an end to the investigations of laboratories." They rejoice in all that makes for human progress, and would put an end to nothing which others believe is necessary to their welfare, even if they had the power. It is their desire to protect others in every possible way. It is surely neither rational nor Christian that a man's confidence in God's protecting care should go to pieces before a microbe, especially when one remembers that sweet promise of Christ, "Behold, I give you power . . . over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Christian Scientists are just old-fashiontd enough to believe that Jesus' words, and the wonderful assurance of safety in the divine presence voiced in the ninety-first psalm, are applicable to their own every-day life, and will continue true to the end of the Christian's conflict.

When you say that Christian Science "flourishes only in minds from which the great ideas that carry on the world are shut out," I am tempted to regard it as a joke. It is so at variance with the facts. It would seem from this that when one becomes a Christian Scientist he is straightway metamorphosed into a human shell-fish, and withdraws from the world and its affairs. Christian Scientists are to-day filling positions of trust in practically every branch of service; they are represented on the judicial bench, on the faculty of universities, at the head of banking and other commercial institutions, and even in the newspaper editorial chair.

The practice of Christian Science is nothing more or less than the utilization of the power of good to overcome evil, and there is no mysticism in that. The fact of the matter is, the truth of Christian Science is so simple that its critics, as a rule, stumble all over it without seeing it, because they are either trying to understand the spiritual from the standpoint of the material, or to reconcile the spiritual truths of the New Testament with the theories of materialism. It should be noted that the fundamental teachings of Christian Science, such as the infinity of God, His omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, the perfection of His work, and the supremacy of His law, are embodied in the doctrines of practically all the churches of Christendom; then why chide Christian Scientists for endeavoring to hold fast to these truths, rather than surrender their faith before the arguments of a materialistic philosophy that denies these essentials of Christianity?

SAMUEL GREENWOOD.

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THE ADVANCE MAN

Montgomery and Stone will appear here in "The Old Town" to-morrow night. They will be under the direction of Mr. Charles Dillingham, and will present George Ade's latest and funniest musical comedy, which fortunately for us has not found its way into the hands of a number two company. In the preparation of "The Old Town" Mr. Ade's lyrics were given musical settings by Gustave Luders, who wrote the tuneful score of "The Fair Co-Ed" which Elsie Janis made very popular, and for "The Prince of Pilsen" of pleasant memory. "The Old Town" is said to be one of the characteristic Ade stories and has to do with the fortunes of Henry Clay Baxter and Archibald Hawkins, two boys reared in a country village, who go forth with a peripatetic circus to seek adventures and fortune in the new world. They encounter all sorts of vicissitudes and are financially reduced to such extremities that they are obliged to give the entire circus performance themselves. To this happily devised emergency Fred A. Stone's protean abilities will rise as they have never before, even in the "Wizard of Oz" and "The Red Mill." Always a host in himself, the lanky and nimble Mr. Stone in "The Old Town" develops into a veritable legion of entertaining. He sings, dances, does funny falls, performs on a tight rope with the grace of a Blondin. He does some funny stunts on a perpendicular rope, executes a bit of neat tumbling, and ends up in the guise of a cowboy with an exhibition of gun and lariat juggling that would put the star performer of Buffalo Bill's outfit to shame. Montgomery's talents for impersonation find pleasant expression in his caricature of a Swedish emigrant woman and in a beautifully arranged Japanese ensemble number in which he is assisted by the full strength of the company. "The Old Town" is in two acts, one showing a wonderful vista of mountain and valley, bathed in the clear California sunlight, and the other depicting elaborate surroundings of a millionaire's cottage at St. Augustine, Fla. A prominent feature of "The Old Town" is the clever group of dancers styled The Old Town Pony Ballet, which is made up of eight little demure dancers who execute a number of decidedly novel stage gyrations and dances.

"Seven Days."

At the Victoria theatre, on January 1, Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper will present the comedy "Seven Days," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, which comes from a third year at the Astor theatre, New York, with the notable Broadway cast and elaborate production. "Seven Days" comes heralded as a comedy success, an entertainment of the fun-making order.

The Blue Book magazine hit it right when it said, "At the end of 'Seven Days' the audience files out eager to tell all its friends to go and see the funniest play in years." The extent to which a play is advertised by its audiences is shown in the length of its runs. "Seven Days" is the only comedy that has reached a third year in New York, which it did at the beginning of the present season at the Astor theatre. Further, there are the six months in Chicago and Boston to stamp "Seven Days" as the one great fun-maker. Acton Davies, the brilliant dramatic critic of the New York Evening Sun, wrote of "Seven Days":—

"The sheer fun of this play is going to make it a record-breaker. It is one long laugh from start to finish."

De Pachmann.

On Wednesday evening next at the Victoria theatre Victorians will have an opportunity of hearing Vladimir de Pachmann, the celebrated piano virtuoso whose fame is international. This great artist will come under the auspices of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club, who have been responsible for so many appearances of musical geniuses in this city. Of a recent de Pachmann performance, the New York Tribune says:

"Mr. de Pachmann is a great virtuoso, and he was never more so than yesterday afternoon," continues the same writer. "The feats performed were at times little short of marvellous. Of course the programme was largely Chopin and he played that composer's works as few musicians play them. Indeed, in some respects the most enjoyable number of the afternoon was Scarlatti's 'C'est La jeunesse qui a dessaillesdress,' arranged by Godowski, which de Pachmann played with perfect simplicity.

Mr. Charles Henry Meltzer, the critic of the New York American, said the re-appearance of de Pachmann in Carnegie hall was most distinctly welcome. A large and eager audience assembled to enjoy his art. And it is pleasant to record that, though more sober in his playing than of yore, he is still delightful. Since he was heard here last, continues Mr. Meltzer, he has gained in dignity and poise. Taking everything into consideration, the first appearance of de Pachmann before the most critical of the world's audiences, was a huge success and gives a forecast of the great things we may expect to hear from this master pianist, who is now making his 'adieux' to the American public."

THE PASSING SHOW

The Empress Theatre.

From the music halls of London, which they left a few weeks ago, Walton and Lester, who are billed as "The World's Worst Wizards," have come to the Empress theatre this week in a laugh-provoking entertainment in which duets, comedy and muddled magic with a great assortment of apparatus. The two eccentric comedians come on the stage in the drollest garb, Mr. Lester being the tailor, shoemaker and general provider of the couple, and he it was who designed the quaint impedimenta with which they work. They are a funny couple and are meeting with much success in their engagement here.

The Fernandez Duo are unique among vaudeville instrumentalists who have appeared here. They imitate many instruments and get music from everything from a piece of string and a tin can to a barrel, and Miss Fernandez does a good turn with a violin without strings. She imitates the playing of a violin splendidly. Mr. Fernandez not only plays the guitar and 'cello well, but he imitates the playing of a 'cello with a barrel, his solo from Il Trovatore being a remarkable effort.

Mr. R. R. Raymonth, the man with three voices, offers one of the best singing numbers heard at the Empress for some time. When he comes on the stage to finish singing the old-time ballad, "The Last Rose of Summer," in the clearest of soprano voices, many are puzzled.

Miss Marie Fitzgibbon, in a series of characterizations and vocal numbers, adds to the entertainment. She tells some quaint stories in an inimitable way, and sings a good song, "Nothing Ever Bothers Me."

Ned Cork Norton, the blackface comedian, who was at the head of "The Pullman Maids" for some time, and is known as a successful comedian, does a good monologue and sings well, and the Empresscope offers some good pictures. The Pathe film, showing scenes taken during the journey of two French explorers in the centre of a South Pacific island, is especially good.

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Simcoe Street, James Bay, 7-room House and Lot 54x150. House is quite modern; 1-3 cash, balance one and two years. Price $5,000

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Moss Street, between Fairfield Road and Richardson street, 6-room cottage, with 3 lots, each 60 x 110. Three frontages. One-third cash, balance 7 per cent. Price $7500

Trutch Estate, between Richardson St. and Fairfield Road, 11-room house and 2 lots, each 50 x 164. House is quite modern. Terms, one-quarter cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years at 7 per cent. Price $10500

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 4th day of December, 1911.

ROBERTSON & HEISTERMAN,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors:

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m., of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m., to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the Assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 22nd day of December, 1911.

(Signed) HENRY F. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

COURT OF REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1912, at 8 p. m.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing three persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the Public Schools Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his vote for three candidates for the members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

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Canadian Northern Has 5,400 Men Between Port Mann and Kamloops

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Returns received at the Vancouver executive office of the C. N. R. show that the total number of men employed on construction work between Port Mann and Kamloops is 5,400, a slight gain over the figures for November. It is expected that with the opening up of big cuts along the grade, the payrolls will contain nearly 7,000 names before the end of January.

RICH SILVER STRIKE.

Nelson, Dec. 27.—"The Silver Hoard ore shoot on the Dellie claim at Ainsworth has widened from eight to seventeen feet, with a face of ore fifteen feet high, and old-timers in the camp say this is one of the biggest strikes ever made in West Kootenay," declared William S. Hawley, part owner of the Silver Hoard group.

He has a letter from A. D. Wheeler, one of the best posted mining men in the Northwest, stating that he made an examination of the big strike a few days ago and reports it to be the best he has ever seen in the camp. Mr. Wheeler has lived at Ainsworth for twenty-seven years and owns the Gallagher group that joins the Silver Hoard on the north. Mr. Hawley has now six months' supplies at the camp and a crew of seven men. The new tunnel to cut the Dellie ore shoot at 150 feet is now in 210 feet and should reach ore in the next ten days.

BURGLARS AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—During the past two weeks several burglaries of foodstuffs have been reported to the police, the burglaries having been committed on the outskirts of the city, generally during the early evening when the occupants of the house raided were down town shopping. Sunday night the home of a resident on Kennedy street was entered and jewelry valued at $150 stolen, the burglars having gained entrance through a window, making their exit by way of the kitchen door. The police have no clue as to the identity of the culprits, but Monday evening arrested two men, one of whom stated he hailed from Spokane, where he was known as "Jimmy the Tough." Nothing was found on his person to incriminate him in any way with the robbery, but it was considered wise to rid the city of his presence, and so Jimmy and his pal were given twelve hours to leave town.

NANAIMO MAYORALTY.

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—A three-cornered fight for the mayoralty is assured, James R. McKinnell, alderman for the middle ward, having definitely decided to enter the lists in the forthcoming municipal elections.

When interviewed Ald. McKinnell stated he would enter the contest with a platform which if carried into effect would mean much for the advancement of Nanaimo and district.

With Ald. McKinnell's decision to be a mayoralty candidate, there are now three candidates definitely in the field, the other two being Ald. John Shaw and Ex-mayor Thomas Hodgson.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

BY DR. FRANK CRANE.

The King can do no wrong. And Love is a King. Love wants a King. There is no democratic foolishness about Love. It is an absolute monarchy, or nothing. It is above all rules, conventions, civil contracts; above reason, and not amenable to it at all.

If you love me, you must believe in your heart I am absolutely perfect; that even my faults are somehow subtle shades of excellency; that my mistakes are simply things the world not loving cannot understand; that all my physical, mental and moral infirmities are only due to the fact that I am viewed from the wrong standpoint, and that Love sees them as nothing but tricks of divinity, royal characteristics. Your boasted common-sense, your critical justice, your clear sight, and all those faculties of yours that can see my limitations, are rebels and traitors in the kingdom of Love.

In three places we see Love in its utter purity; and in each we see this trait that we call its blindness. First, in the love of a mother for her child; she kisses his crippled feet, his babble is music to her; second, in the first love of a man and a maid; then her red hair is a halo, and his silly affectations are charming; third, in the love of God for the soul; for through its sin and perversion His love pierces, a life-giving ray, the one redemptive force.

Love is really not blind; it is the one function by which we know, by which we penetrate through the seeming into the reality; for my soul is inherently beautiful, and it takes Love to see it.

Love is truly symbolized by the juice which Puck squeezed upon the eyes of the fairy, so that she adored the weaver with an ass's head. We are all repulsive, asinine, disgusting to intelligence; God save us from it! We are all lovely to Love, which may God send!

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MONEY NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Nanaimo Ratepayers Will Be Asked to Authorize Loan of $50,000

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—At the last meeting of the city council a communication was received from C. W. White, secretary of the B. C. Library Association, requesting the council to pass a resolution endorsing the association's request for a Public Libraries Act. On motion the report was referred to the legislative committee for report.

Ald. McKinnell asked if the legislative committee had any report to make in reference to the question referred to it some time ago of getting out plans for the reclammation of the Tide Flats.

Ald. Busby stated in reply the committee had placed the matter in the engineer's hands but as yet the committee had no report to make.

Ald. McKinnell remarked the local member was now in the city and something should be done in the matter during his presence here.

Ald. Shaw remarked the board of trade had placed the matter before Mr. Shepherd, the local member, and he thought a report would be forthcoming in the near future.

Ald. Kinnell urged the committee to make its report and place plans before the council as soon as possible in order that the plans be fully considered before being forwarded to Ottawa.

On motion of Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Busby, nomination day for the municipal elections was fixed as Monday, January 8, and elections on Thursday, January 11, with F. G. Peto as returning officer.

Ald. Shaw was granted permission to introduce a by-law to raise by way of loan a sum not exceeding $50,000 for school purposes. In support of the proposed by-law Ald. Shaw remarked the present school accommodation was entirely inadequate and it had become absolutely necessary for the city to provide accommodation for its increased school population.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE.

Revelstoke, Dec. 27. — What might have been a most disastrous fire occurred last week at Comaplix, when the residence of Chief Young was reduced to ashes. The government buildings were also badly damaged. Comaplix fire brigade, by rapid fire fighting, confined the fire to the residence destroyed.

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Dated at Barkerville, B. C., this 5th day of December, 1911.

JAMES BIBBY,
Secretary.

Waverly Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.

NOTICE

"Navigable Waters Protection Act."

Notice is hereby given that Ludwig Hermann Leonholm and John Barnsley of Victoria, British Columbia, are applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in Selkirk Waters, Victoria Arm, Victoria, B. C., being on the lands situate lying and being in the city of Victoria aforesaid, and known, numbered and described as lots thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) Burnside Extension of the Work Estate as shown on the map or plan filed in the Land Registry Office at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered one hundred and eleven (111) and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the "Canada Gazette."

Dated this 11th day of December, A. D., 1911.

LUDWIG HERMANN LOENHOLM.
JOHN BARNSLEY.
Petitioners.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORA LAUGHER, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Nora Laugher, who died on or about the 6th November, 1911, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitors herein for W. O. Wallace and Arthur Lawder, executors under the will of the said Nora Laugher, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts, duly verified by declaration, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 10th day of January, 1912, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 30th day of November, 1911.

ROBERTSON & HEISTERMAN,
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A complete list of Local Improvement Works, authorized by By-Law, from time to time, will be found posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to the City Hall.

Corporation of the City of Victoria

All persons having accounts against the Corporation of the City of Victoria are requested to render them before the 28th instant.

JAMES L. RAYMUR,
Comptroller.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

LIFE INSURANCE PLACED IN YEAR

HOME COMPANIES ARE FAVORED IN CANADA

In Thirty-five Years There Has Been a Remarkable Increase in Business Done

The second part of the annual report of the superintendent of insurance is just out from the presses of the King's Printer, Ottawa, and contains a mass of information regarding the business of life insurance during the calendar year 1910.

The business of life insurance was transacted in 1910 by forty-three active companies, of which twenty-five are Canadian, seven British and eleven American. This list differs from that of the previous year by the addition of a Canadian company, the Travellers Life Insurance Company of Canada, and of a Canadian fraternal society, the Royal Guardians, which has received a license similar to that issued to the subsidiary high court of the Ancient Order of Foresters, for the transaction of life and sickness insurance.

The total amount of policies in Canada taken during the year 1910 was $152,762,520, which is greater than the amount taken in 1909 by $21,023,442. The Canadian companies show an increase in 1910 of $11,240,701, whilst in 1909 they had an increase of $10,092,394; the British companies have an increase of $240,332, whilst in 1909 they had an increase of $540,473; and the American companies have an increase of $9,542,409, whilst in 1909 they had an increase of $21,210,005, the total increase in 1910 being $21,023,442, as above stated. The respective amounts effected are:

Canadian companies	$90,362,678
British companies	4,170,562
American companies	58,229,280

The amount taken by native companies exceeds that taken by the British and American together by about $28,000,000.

The total amount of insurance in force in Canada at the date of the statements was $856,113,059, which shows the large increase of $75,757,079 over that of the previous year, being distributed as follows:

Canadian companies, amount in force $565,669,110; increase, $50,251,673.

British companies, amount in force, $47,816,775; increase, $831,583.

American companies, amount in force, $242,629,174; increase, $24,672,823.

In 1875 the total amount of insurance effected was $15,074,258, of which $5,077,601 was in Canadian companies, $1,689,833 in British companies, and $8,306,824 in American companies. In 1885 there was a total of $27,164,988—$14,881,695 Canadian, $3,950,647 British and $8,332,646 American. In 1895 there was a total insurance effected of $44,341,198, divided $27,909,672 among Canadian companies, $3,337,638 among British companies and $13,093,888 among American companies. In 1905 the insurance effected was $105,907,336, of which $67,539,141 was with Canadian companies, $3,881,980 with British companies and $34,486,215 with American companies. The figures for 1910 were: $90,362,678 in Canadian companies, $4,170,562 in British companies and $58,229,280 in American companies, a total of $152,762,520. In the thirty-six years since the department was created there has been effected an insurance aggregating $1,912,839,837, of which $1,148,946,866 was placed with Canadian companies, $114,650,968 with British companies and $649,242,003 with American companies.

The amount of insurance terminated in natural course, namely, by death maturity, or expiry, was $13,570,019, which is greater by $2,134,958 than the corresponding amount in the previous year; and the amount terminated by surrender and lapse was $72,700,696, being greater than in the previous year by $9,919,490.

Relatively to the amounts at risk the amounts so terminated are somewhat in excess of those of the previous year, giving for every $1,000 of current risk $15.85 terminated in natural course and $84.92 by surrender and lapse, making a total of $100.77. In the year 1909 these rates were $14.56 and $79.94, respectively, making a total of $94.50, thus giving a difference of $6.27 for each $1,000 at risk.

In the calculation of the death rate in 1910, as in previous years, the mean number of policies in force and the number of policies terminated by death during the year were admitted as approximations to the mean number of lives exposed to risk and the number of deaths during the year, respectively. It is believed that the results arrived at represent the actual mortality per 1,000 among insured lives in Canada as accurately as can be gathered from the returns of the companies. The rate in 1905 was 9.863 per 1,000 and in 1910 it was 10.419 per 1,000.

For every $100 premiums received there has been paid to policy-holders $53.53, leaving $46.47 to be carried to reserve, expense and profits. Collecting the results for the thirty-two years, 1879 to 1910, we find that the total payments to policy-holders amount to 52.11 per cent. of the premium income during the same period. The total payments to policy-holders made by companies which have ceased to do business in Canada, from 1879 to 1910, exceed by 73.46 per cent. the total premium income during the same period.

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OIL DISTRIBUTING PLANT.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 28.—The announcement was made to-day that the Standard Oil Company will close a deal before the end of the week for the purchase of $60,000 worth of reclaimed tidelands along the Whatcom Creek waterway. The land is to be used as a site for an oil distributing plant to cost $500,000.

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PRINCE PLAYS IN LUCK.

New York, Dec. 28.—Prince Jaime of Bourbon, the Spanish pretender, is the latest sensation at Monte Carlo, according to dispatches to-day. His Royal Highness is said to have won more than $80,000 at a single sitting. He returned to the tables a little later and took away $20,000 more.

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HEAVY SELLING IN NEW YORK MARKET

Extension of Short Interest by Room Traders—Sentiment Cheerful

New York, Dec. 28.—Following a moderately steady opening, the stock market turned weaker to-day, and the last hour saw some heavy selling. Scattered year-end cleaning up was in part responsible, while there was also said to be an extension of the short interest by room traders, but there were no important interests selling. Unsatisfactory statement for November earnings induced weakness in Union and Southern Pacific. Sentiment is still cheerful and leaders look for a higher range of prices, particularly for specialties, before the year ends.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Amal. Copper	66⅜	65	65
Amn. Agr. Chemical	63	62¼	62½
Amn. Beet Sugar	56½	56	55¼
Amn. Can., pref.	90½	89⅝	89½
Amn. Car. & Foundry	53⅞	53½	53½
Amn. Cotton Oil	46½	46¼	46
Amn. Ice Securities	18⅜	18	17⅞
Amn. Smelting	72⅞	72	71⅞
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	139⅝	139⅜	139⅜
Amn. Tobacco, pref.	103	102¼	102⅞
Anaconda	38¼	37⅜	37½
Atchison	106¼	105¼	105⅝
B. & O.	102¼	101⅞	101⅞
B. R. T.	76½	76	75⅞
C. P. R.	240⅞	240½	240½
C. & O.	74¼	73¼	73
C. & G. W.	18½	18½	18½
C., M. & St. P.	110½	108⅞	108⅞
Con. Gas	138½	137⅞	137½
D. & R. G.	19½	19½	18¾
Do., pref.	40½	39⅝	38½
Distillers Sec.	31	30⅞	30⅞
Erie	31⅝	31¼	31¼
Do., 1st pref.	52½	51⅞	51⅞
Goldfield Cons.	4½	4⅜	4⅜
G. N., pref.	127⅞	126½	126½
G. N. Ore ctfs.	38½	37¼	37½
Inter-Metro.	15¼	15	14⅞
Do., pref.	48½	47⅝	47½
L. & N.	155¼	154	154
Lehigh Valley	186¼	184⅞	185
M., K. & T.	29	28⅞	28½
Mo. Pacific	39½	39	38½
Nat. Lead	54½	53⅞	53⅞
Nev. Cons.	19⅜	19	19
N. Y. C.	105⅝	105¼	105
N. & W.	108¼	108	108
N. P.	118	117⅜	117⅜
Pennsy.	122⅞	122⅜	122⅜
Reading	152⅜	150¼	150⅜
Rep. Iron & Steel	27	26	25½
Do., pref.	84½	84¼	84
Rock Island	23⅞	23½	23½
Do., pref.	46½	46	45½
S. P.	112	110⅜	110⅞
Sou. Railway	28⅞	28½	28½
Do., pref.	70½	70⅞	70⅞
Tenn. Copper	37⅞	37	37
U. P.	173¼	170⅞	170⅞
U. S. Rubber	47⅞	47⅞	47½
U. S. Steel	68¼	66⅞	66⅞
Do., pref.	111½	110¼	110½
Utah Copper	56⅞	55¼	55½
Va. Car. Chem.	57⅞	54	54
Wabash	6⅞	6¼	6
Do., pref.	16⅞	16½	16⅜
Western Union	78⅞	78½	78
Westinghouse	66½	66	65½

Money on call, 2½ per cent.

Total sales, 380,600 shares.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 28.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	8.76	8.80	8.72	8.72-73
March	8.90	8.96	8.89	8.89-90
May	9.06	9.08	9.00	9.00-01
July	9.15	9.19	9.11	9.11-12
Aug	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.12-14
Sept.	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.21-23
Oct.	9.25	9.33	9.26	9.26-27
Dec.	9.22	9.24	8.90	8.91-92

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 28.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, $4.55; Muscovado, $4.15; molasses sugar, $3.90; sales, 17,000 bags.

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FINANCIAL NOTES

New York silver, 54¼.

Union Pacific net earnings decrease November, $1,101,000; Southern Pacific net decrease, $715,000.

Consols advanced ⅛ in London.

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SIR WILLIAM'S TRIP.

Story That He is After $80,000,000 is Scarcely Correct.

The story that Sir William Mackenzie is on his way to Paris to borrow a matter of $80,000,000 to tide him over temporarily, originated in New York. It will be remembered, says the Toronto Globe, that Sir William sailed from Halifax, and probably he does not know yet the important mission assigned him by Wall Street. When he left Canada the biggest thing in his Paris programme was the inspection of the young Count de Lesseps, his grandson.

The last financing of the Canadian Northern Railway abroad is too recent, and was scarcely sufficiently successful, to make a shrewd and experienced borrower like Sir William repeat the operation at once in a market so closely akin to London as Paris. The $35,000,000 loan of the Canadian Northern upset financial London considerably. A prominent London banking authority, in a letter to the financial editor of the Globe, remarks: "The city is very angry about the loan, which has flattened consols and all gilt-edged securities. They want to know why the Canadian Northern required so much."

The answer is, of course, that the Canadian Northern has a lot of road to build yet to link Port Arthur up with Montreal.

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TEST CASE.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—T. G. Meredith, solicitor for the city of London, yesterday issued a writ against the town of Newmarket asking for an injunction to prevent that town from issuing $25,000 debentures in connection with the proposed loan to the Harding Motor Company, which is now a London industry. This test case is one of great interest in view of the competition for factories between industrial centres.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Dec. 28.—Business was again active on the local exchange, Portland Canal shares being the feature. This stock had a sharp set back, after the rise of the last few days, being freely sold around 5½ cents. Stewart Land shares continue in good demand, and Glacier Creek have advanced to 3 cents. Amalgamated Development are firmer at 11½ cents, and other stocks remain firm at the same figures. Total sales, 21,550 shares; value, $1,506.25.

	Bid.	Asked.
American Canadian Oil	.03	.08
Canadian Northwest Oil	.04	.05½
Can. Pac. Oil	.12	.15
Maricopa Oil	.01½	.01⅞
Granby	36.00	39.00
International Coal & Coke	.58	.61
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	....	50.00
Royal Collieries	.05	.06½
Western Coal & Coke	....	2.00
B. C. Copper	4.50	5.25
B. C. Packers, com.	72.00	....
B. C. Permanent Loan	125.00	....
C. N. P. Fisheries	2.50	4.00
Dominion Trust Co.	118.00	....
Great West Permanent (a)	122.00	....
Stewart Land	8.25	10.00
Pacific Loan	27.00	32.00
Can. Cons. S. & R.	42.00	46.00
Coronation Gold	.37	.42
Glacier Creek	.37	.42
Kootenay Gold	....	.40
Lucky Jim Zinc	.18	.23
Nugget Gold	.35	....
Portland Canal	.05½	.05¾
Rambler Cariboo	.50	....
Red Cliffs	.38	....
Snowstorm	.22	....
Stewart M. & D.	.25	....
Standard Lead	1.45	1.60
S. A. Warrants	800.00	....

Sales.

50	Stewart Land	$8.25
1,000	Glacier Creek	.03
1,000	Portland Canal	.05½
4,000	Portland Canal	.06¼
2,000	Portland Canal	.06½
2,000	Portland Canal	.06½
1,000	Portland Canal	.05¾
2,000	Portland Canal	.05¾
2,000	Amalgamated Development	.11½
1,000	Main Reef	.00½
500	Portland Canal	.05¾
1,000	Maricopa Oil	.01½
4,000	Glacier Creek	.03

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CLEARANCES

Wheat and flour	293,000
Corn	194,000
Oats	3,000

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WINNIPEG GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Dec., 93¾@93⅞; May, old, 99@99⅞; May, new, 99@98⅞. Oats—Dec., 39@38; May, 39⅝@39⅞. Flax—Dec., 191½@190⅞; May, 191½@195. Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 93; 2 Nor., 90; 3 Nor., 85; No. 4, 77; No. 5, 68; No. 6, 57½; feed, 53½.

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PRIMARY MOVEMENTS.

Receipts.

	To-day.	Last Year.
Wheat	376,000	431,000
Corn	439,000	1,233,000

Shipments.

Wheat	322,000	253,000
Corn	335,000	735,000

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WHEAT RECEIPTS

Wheat receipts in carloads follow:

	To-day.	Last Year.
Minneapolis	133	170
Duluth	49	67
Winnipeg	327	129
Chicago	16	42
Kansas City	12	46
*St. Louis	17,000	37,000

*St. Louis receipts in bushels.

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GRAIN MARKETS

Peoria, Dec. 28.—Cash corn unchanged; oats ¼ higher.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 28.—Wheat opened ⅞ lower.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Wheat closed unchanged to 1¼ higher.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Curb unchanged on wheat.

Omaha, Dec. 28.—Cash wheat, ½ higher; corn, ¼ to ½ lower.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—Wheat, cash, unchanged; corn, ½ higher.

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CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; market, slow, weak; beeves, $4.75@$8.80; Texas steers, $4.20@$5.70; western steers, $4.30@$6.40; stockers and feeders, $3.15@$5.75; cows and heifers, $2@$6.15; calves, $4.75@$7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market steady to shade up; light, $5.85@$6.25; mixed, $5.95@$6.40; heavy, $6.05@$6.45; rough, $6.05@$6.20; good to choice heavy, $6.20@$6.45; pigs, $4.85@5.90; bulk of sales, 6.15@$6.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market very steady; native, $2.50@$4.25; western, $3.45@$4.50; yearlings, $4.65@$5.50; lambs, native, $4.25@$6.25; western, 4.50@$6.35.

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HOG RECEIPTS

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Receipts hogs to-day, 22,000 more than last year. Estimated hog receipts to-morrow, 24,000.

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COUNTERFEIT MONEY SEIZED.

New York, Dec. 28.—A scheme for swamping Central American republic with counterfeit money has been discovered, according to messages received here. It is reported that $10,000,000 actually has been put into circulation in Nicaragua. A like sum, it is said, has been seized. Two Nicaraguan cabinet ministers are accused of being interested in the scheme.

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SCOTTISH POTATOES.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fifteen hundred tons of potatoes grown in Scotland reached New York on the liner California, and will be placed on the market to break the high prices charged for the Long Island potato. Dealers declare that there is a shortage in the crop, and prices greatly in excess of last year's market prevail. Other shipments from Scotland will follow.

Shiloh's Cure

STOPS COUGHS HEALS THE LUNGS PRICE, 25 CENTS

SLIGHT DECLINE IN WHEAT PRICES

Report on World's Visible Supply Shows Decrease of 1,173,000 Bushels

Chicago, Dec. 28.—There was a range in wheat prices to-day similar to that of yesterday, but closing quotations were about half a cent lower. Fair strength was noticeable in the first portion of the session, and what little news there was favored the bulls. Minneapolis wired good demand for cash wheat by millers, and Bradstreet's world's visible supply showed a decrease of 1,173,000 bushels. Leaders in the Northwest trade say that mills are counting on a great improvement in flour business after the first of the year, although the demand is dull.

There was a one cent drop in corn futures towards the close and trading was active. No reason was apparent, although promise of better country roads and larger movement has been counting on the side of sellers. Short interest has been responsible for some weakness.

Larger trading than has been manifest for some time was evidenced in oats today. The one cent break was in sympathy with corn. Leaders look for heaviness before a buying stage will be reached.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	94⅝	95¼	94½	94⅝
May	98⅞	99½	98¼	98⅜
July	94⅞	94⅞	94	94
Corn—				
Dec.	65½	65½	63½	63½
May	63⅞	64⅞	63⅞	63⅞
July	64¼	64	63⅞	63¼
Oats—				
Dec.	46⅝	47¼	46½	46½
May	47½	47⅞	46¾	46⅞
July	43⅜	44	43	43
Pork—				
May	15.97	16.02	15.92	15.92
July	16.10	16.12	16.05	16.07
Lard—				
May	9.40	9.40	9.35	9.37
July	9.47	9.50	9.47	9.50
Short Ribs—				
May	8.62	8.62	8.57	8.57
July	8.62	8.67	8.62	8.62

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THE CITY MARKET

Only one change during the past week has occurred in the retail market prices. That is in fresh Island eggs, which have come down from 65c. to 60c. a dozen. In the wholesale market three changes are noted, bacon having come down one cent, chestnuts one cent, and cucumbers having gone up to $2 per dozen.

Oils.		
Pratt's Coal Oil		1.60
Eocene		1.75
Meats.		
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	.20@	.25
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	.25@	.28
Hams (American), per lb.		.25
Bacon (American), per lb.		.35
Bacon (long clear), per lb.		.22
Beef, per lb.	.10@	.25
Pork, per lb.	.12½@	.25
Mutton, per lb.	.15@	.30
Lamb, hindquarter	3.00@	2.50
Lamb, forequarter	1.50@	2.00
Veal, per lb.	.10@	.30
Suet, per lb.		.15
Farm Produce.		
Fresh Island Eggs		.60
Butter, Cowichan		.50
Buter, Victoria		.50
Butter, Salt Spring		.50
Butter, Eastern Townships		.35
Lard, per lb.		.20
Western Canada Flour Mills.		
Purity, per sack		1.90
Purity, per bbl.		7.25
Hungarian Flour.		
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack		1.90
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.		7.25
Robin Hood, per sack		1.90
Robin Hood, per bbl.		7.25
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per sack		1.85
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per bbl.		7.10
Lake of Woods, per sack		1.90
Lake of Woods, per bbl.		7.25
Calgary Hungarian, per sack		1.90
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.		7.25
Enderby, per sack		1.80
Enderby, per bbl.		7.10
Pastry Flours.		
Snowflake, per sack		1.85
Snowflake, per bbl.		7.00
Vancouver Milling Co., Wild Rose		1.75
Drifted Snow, per sack		1.75
Grain.		
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@	45.00
Wheat, per lb.		.02½
Whole Corn		45.00
Cracked Corn		47.00
Oats		35.00
Crushed Oats		37.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	.35@	.40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.		1.05
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.		1.90
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.		3.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack		.50
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack		2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.		.65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.		.55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	.12½@	.35
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.		.45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.		.50
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.		1.75
Feed.		
Hay (baled), per ton	20.00@	22.00
Straw, per ton		16.00
Middlings, per ton		33.00
Bran, per ton		32.00
Ground Feed, per ton		33.00
Shorts		33.00
Poultry.		
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	.25@	.35
Ducks, per lb.	.25@	.30
Geese (Island), per lb.	.20@	.25
Fruit.		
Bananas, doz.		.35
Grapefruit, each, 10c., or 3 for		.25
Lemons, doz.	.30@	.35
Oranges, doz.	.30@	.50
Canteloupes, each	.10@	.15
Peaches, lb.		.08
Plums, lb.		.09
Watermelons, lb.		.02½
Apples, lb.	.05@	.08
Grapes, lb.	.10@	.15
Vegetables.		
Beets, lb.		.03
Cabbage, lb.		.03
Onions, lb.		.04
Turnips, lb.		.02
Green Corn, doz.		.30
Carrots, lb.		.03
Green Peas, lb.		.08
Beans, lb.		.08
Potatoes (B. C.)		1.50
Potatoes (Island)		1.75
Fish.		
Salmon, Red Spring, lb.		.20
Salmon, White Spring, lb.		.20
Halibut (Vancouver), lb.		.15
Cod, lb.		.12½
Herring, lb.		.10
Finnan Haddie, lb.		.15
Bloaters, lb.		.12½
Shrimps (alive), lb.		.35
Shrimps (imported), lb.		.25
Crabs (local), lb.		.12½
Crabs (imported), lb.		.15
Oolichans (salted), lb.		.15
Salmon Bellies, lb.		.15
Flounders, lb.		.10
Soles, lb.		.15
Kippers		.12½
Mackerel, fresh Eastern, lb.		.20
Smelets, lb.		.15

WHOLESALE MARKET.

Almonds, per lb.		.20
Apples (local)	1.50@	2.00
Apples, Jonathan		2.50
Bacon		.18
Bananas		.05½
Beets, per sack		2.00
Cabbage, per lb.	.02@	.02½
Cheese	.17½@	.18½
Chestnuts		.17
Comox Butter		.43
Creamery Butter		.34
New Zealand Butter		.35
Cucumbers (hothouse), per doz.		2.00
Cauliflower, per doz.		1.75
Eggs (local)		.65
Eggs (California fresh)		.45
Eggs (Eastern)	.32@	.35
Filberts, per lb.		.15
Green Onions		.40
Grapes (Malaga), barrel		7.50
Grapes (Winter Emperor)		.15
Grapefruit, per box		4.00
Hams		.18
Haddies, per lb.		.09
Lard	.13½@	.14½
Lemons	4.50@	5.50
Lettuce (hot-house), per crate		1.25
Onions (California)		.02½
Parsley		.50
Peanuts, roasted		.10
Pomegranates		2.00
Potatoes (local)	30.00@	35.00
Sweet Potatoes		.03½
Turnips, per sack		1.00
Walnuts, per lb.	.16@	.21
Oranges, navel		2.25
Oranges, Japanese		.65
Butter, Comox		.47

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LONDON COPPER

London, Dec. 28.—Copper close: Spots, £63 12s. 6d., off 2s. 6d.; sales, 700 tons. Futures, £64 10s., off 2s. 6d.; sales, 2,000 tons.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Mulligan and party, from Lethbridge, leave to-day on the Pacific Coast S. S. President for Los Angeles.

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A. H. Cotton, of New Westminster, a land surveyor of many years' standing in British Columbia, is in the city to-day.

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Miss Sanderson, E. J. Caldwell, D. A. Fraser and C. D. Hartwick are among the passengers leaving on the President to-day for San Francisco.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reed are leaving to-day for the Old Country. They will travel on the Great Northern to St. John and cross the Atlantic on the Allan liner, Grampian.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Sloan will be at home to their numerous friends on Monday. This will be their silver wedding, as they married on December 31, 1886, at Glenboig, Scotland.

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George H. Aylard, general manager of the Standard Silver-Lead Mining Co., of Silverton, Slocan Lake, is spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with his family at their home on Elliot street.

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Milton Farmer, graduate manager of the University of California Rugby team, reached Seattle this morning on a hurried trip to Victoria, where he will take charge of the team. On his return Farmer will stop in Seattle and endeavor to interest local university enthusiasts in the Rugby game of football.

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A very pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. Father Leterme yesterday at 4 p. m., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Grimm, of Boleskin road, the fourth daughter, Miss Charlotte Victoria, being joined in matrimony to Mr. Wm. Gaskill Owen. Miss Myrtle Owen, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Chas. Grimm, brother of the bride, supported the groom. After the ceremony those present, numbering nearly fifty, partook of an enjoyable repast, the heavily laden tables being most tastefully decorated with pink and white carnations and corresponding shades of silk ribbon and chiffon. The bride was handsomely gowned in a white brocaded silk costume of the very latest design and her going-away dress was a travelling frock of navy blue cheviot. The bridesmaid wore a beautiful dress of shot silk trimmed with real Irish lace. Both the bride and bridesmaid carried magnificent shower bouquets of pink and white carnations, the gift of the groom. In the drawing room were two large tables groaning under the burden of a multitude of handsome gifts. The happy couple left on the midnight steamer for Vancouver, from where they will go south, visiting the chief cities of the Sound, after which they will take up their residence at 420 Burnside road.

LOCAL NEWS

Arrives To-night.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Queen will arrive at the outer wharf at 11 o'clock to-night.

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Australian Boys' Arrival.—The party of Australian boys, on arriving this afternoon, was met at the boat by Mayor Morley and Alderman Bishop, and R. C. Horne on behalf of their hosts, the Y. M. C. A. Marshalled behind the Union Jack, the Southern Cross, and the Y. A. L. flag, the party proceeded to the Y. M. C. A., where an official welcome was accorded them. There was a large turn-out of Boy Scouts and High School Cadets.

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First Baptist Treat.—The children of First Baptist Sunday school had a high time last evening when they held their annual Christmas festivities. The school room was crowded with teachers, parents and children who enjoyed an excellent programme. Following this, was the distribution of prizes. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Warnicker, made the presentation. Dr. Russell, the Sunday school superintendent, has every reason to feel gratified at the showing made by his school. The programme was as follows: "Christmas Day," opening chorus; "The Every Sunday Boys," boys' chorus; "Dear Old Mrs. Santa Claus," Mrs. Santa and chorus; "The Busiest Fairies," Jack Frost and chorus; "The Reason Why I'm Fat," Santa and chorus; "If I Were Fat Like Santa," tot chorus; "Over the Page I Go," Santa and chorus; "The Christmas Postcards," girls' chorus; "Carol, Carol," primary department; "Ring On, Christmas Bells," Christmas carol; "What Makes a Santa Claus," Santa; "Up the Chimney," final chorus. Miss Blanche Vaio, accompanist.

FATHER TAKES CHARGE OF SON.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—An order of the court was signed here to-day by a judge representing the Kitsap county superior court permitting ex-Governor Malcolm R. Paterson of Tennessee to remove his 23-year-old son, Malcolm C. Paterson, from the state of Washington, on filing a bond of $5,000 to guarantee that the young man will not return to this state. Ex-Governor Paterson furnished the bond and his son, who has been a prisoner in the county jail here, was turned over to him. He has stated that he will place the youth in a Tennessee sanitarium.

Young Paterson, who shot R. T. Seal, at Port Orchard, on December 7, was examined as to his sanity and a commission of experts found that he was suffering from dipsomania. Seal, the man shot by young Paterson, is making a complete recovery.

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LABOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

Trades and Labor Council Will Name Man in Each of Three Wards and Meet Expense

The attitude of labor in the coming civic campaign was the subject of a long and earnest discussion at a special meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last evening. The matter of selecting candidates to put in the aldermanic field was left to a committee which will report at another meeting to be held on Wednesday next.

It was generally understood that one labor candidate should be run in Wards 1, 2 and 3, and in addition Ald. W. F. Fullerton will be endorsed in Ward 3. His running mate in the labor interests is likely to be Christian Sivertz, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council. No stand was taken as regards either of the mayoralty candidates. One candidate will be nominated for the school board.

A series of ten questions has been drawn up for submission to all the candidates in the field, asking their attitude as to day labor and other matters affecting the workers, and on the replies to these it is expected that the workingman will be guided in casting his ballot. It was decided that should any of the labor men be elected the council will make good any loss they may sustain by reason of having to lose time to attend council or committee meetings.

Y.M.C.A. RELIGIOUS SECRETARY CALLED

C. W. Whyte, Resident of Victoria Will Take Position Left Vacant by O. D. Austin

At the special meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors C. W. Whyte, a resident of Victoria, was appointed religious and educational secretary in place of O. D. Austin, who is unable to leave Lethbridge owing to illness. Mr. Whyte's duties begin with the new year.

Mr. Whyte is eminently fitted for the work, being a graduate of McGill University and having been in the ministry for nearly twenty years. He rooms at the Y. M. C. A. building and is well liked by all the members. He is president of the Dormitory Men's club.

Mr. Whyte left yesterday for Seattle, Vancouver and Tacoma with a view to studying the method of conducting the religious and educational work in those cities. He will return on Monday and take over his work here.

The new Y. M. C. A. worker has resided in Victoria for about a year. He is secretary of the British Columbia Library Association.

On New Year's Day the Young Men's Christian association will hold a reception. The board of directors, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Men's Dormitory club will act as hosts and hostesses and will receive from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. All the friends of the association are cordially invited to attend. A good programme is being arranged.

WELCOME RAIN.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Beginning early this morning, rain began falling, causing joy among ranchers and fruit growers generally. They declared that the rain would tend to lessen the damage done to the citrus fruit by the recent cold snap. That was especially the view taken in the San Bernardino valley.

DYNAMITE UNDER BRIDGE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—What might have been an attempt to destroy the Thebes bridge over the Mississippi river at Thebes, Ills., came to the attention of the officials of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company to-day. Several sticks of dynamite with fuse attached among the timbers of the track approaches to the railroad bridge were found.

Two old Scotch farmers—cronies since their schoolboy days—were accustomed to visit alternately each other's homes in order to chat over old times and incidentally to empty pipes and sample the barley bree. On one occasion when the bottle had been emptied, the host, owning to a certain anniversary, placed a second bottle on the table. His visitor, rising as if to take leave, held out his hand, saying: "Guid nicht, Davie." Davie (pushing his friend back into the chair)—"Na, na, Bob; ye'll no gang till we hae a taste o' this yin." Bob (resuming his seat)—"Och, I ken that; but, man, I wanted to shake hands wi' ye while I cud see ye."

LIKELY TO LOSE INDEPENDENCE

PERSIAN SITUATION IS COMPLICATED

Reports of Russian Progress Arouses Feeling in Great Britain

London, Dec. 28.—The reports in the daily press that the Russian government has decided upon stern measures to suppress disorders in Persian towns, which, owing to the destruction of the telegraph lines, makes it impossible to get reliable news of the outbreaks, has given the Persian situation one of the gravest complexity. As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and esht and of the destruction of Persia's constitutional government under Russian menaces continue to reach Britain, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British government's complicity, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, thinks is a matter of policy and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

Doubts also have been increased as to whether Persian independence ever will be restored to even the feeble status it had before this last assault by Russia. If parliament were sitting undoubtedly there would be severe questioning of the government of this subject and an arraignment of the foreign office. The Times is the only newspaper that strongly supports the government and it expresses considerable uneasiness over Russia's intentions as hinted in St. Petersburg reports.

The Manchester Guardian, the ablest and most influential provincial Liberal paper, deplores Great Britain's attitude and questions whether the government could not have taken some stand earlier, but fears that it is now too late. In short, the whole affair is repugnant to Liberal sentiment.

BRITISH STEAMER LOOTED BY PIRATES

Attacked by Chinese While on Voyage From Hongkong to Canton

Hongkong, Dec. 28.—Traffic along the West river is generally quiet, but occasional piracy occur. The British steamer Szeyap from Hongkong to Canton was attacked and looted by sixty armed pirates, who succeeded in carrying off cash, arms, ammunition and sundries to the total value of about $20,000. The crew was unarmed and unable to offer any resistance. None of them were harmed.

SAILORS RESCUED FROM SCHOONER

Vessel Driven on Rocks by Gale — Life-Savers Take Off Crew

Block Island, R. I., Dec. 28.—The four-masted schooner Adelaide Randall, of Port Jefferson, N. Y., coal-laden, was hurled on the ledges west of Block Island by a terrific northwesterly gale to-day and four hours and a half later her crew of ten men were rescued by the Block Island lifesaving crew. The rescue was spectacular and was accomplished only after the life-savers had tried repeatedly to reach the stranded craft. The Randall was bound from Norfolk, Va., for New London, Conn.

CHARGE AGAINST REYES.

Mexican General Will be Placed on Trial at Early Date.

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—It is rumored that the Mexican government is about to ask for the extradition of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, former minister of the interior, from the United States. Gomez is heading a revolutionary party, and according to the latest information he is in San Antonio.

All efforts to ascertain the truth of the rumor as to the request for his extradition have been futile. The only offence of Gomez, if he has committed any, is said to be of a political nature, for which he cannot be extradited.

General Reyes will arrive in the capital to-night, according to the schedule. It is likely that General Reyes on his arrival here will be placed under guard in something better than the penitentiary or the military prison. The case against him will be disposed of at an early date. Many pleas for leniency have been entered on General Reyes' behalf, but among military men the hope is said to exist that the penalty for his crime will be strictly enforced on the ground that Reyes has brought ignominy and discredit to the army.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 28.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who is in this city as a self-styled refugee, to-day denied he had planned or would plan a revolution against the Mexican government.

MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR SIKHS

Dr. Sunder Singh Speaks on Immigration Question at Toronto

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—"We do not ask a great deal from the government at Ottawa," said Dr. Sunder Singh, the Sikh representative at a meeting here. "But what we do look for is British fair play."

The Punjab orator made a splendid plea for his people, explaining that the abolishment of the emigration clause, which calls for a continuous voyage upon the part of the immigrant from India, would grant every concession asked for by the Sikhs. As conditions now exist the immigrant must have $200 in his possession. The chief difficulty has been the fact that there are no direct steamships lines from India. It is necessary to tranship at Hongkong, and when a Sikh does that he comes under the immigration laws. If this clause were done away with, according to Dr. Sunder Singh, the Sikhs at present in Canada would be allowed to bring over their wives and children and live as men, not outcasts, as at present. The speaker assured the gathering that there would be no great inrush and said that 1,000 would be the largest estimate of those wishing to bring their families here.

"I may say that in the present state of unrest in India it is but adding fuel to the fire for the Canadian government to continue this harsh treatment against the Sikhs."

EMPEROR OPENS JAPANESE DIET

He Deplores Disturbances in China—Budget for Year Submitted

Tokio, Dec. 28.—The emperor personally opened the Diet yesterday. In his speech he deeply deplored the disturbances in China and prayed for a speedy restoration of peace.

The budget for 1912-13 shows the following estimates, a yen being equivalent to about 50 cents in Canadian money:

Revenue, ordinary, 502,555,805 yen; extraordinary, 70,286,191 yen.

Appropriations.—Civil list, 40,000,000 yen; for European, 46,191,181 yen; home, 33,288,016 yen; ministry of finance, 226,-900,305 yen; war, 93,450,630 yen; navy, 92,673,811 yen, increment not included; justice, 18,125,067 yen; education, 10,-498,566 yen; agriculture and commerce, 15,034,931 yen; communications, 77,846,-995 yen.

IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID BLOODSHED

Dowager Empress of China Sanctions Calling of National Convention

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The decision of the meeting of the Manchu Princes and Premier Yuan Shi Kai to submit the question of the future government of China to a national convention, was followed quickly by an imperial edict in these terms:

"Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates to the peace conference at Shanghai, and others contend that the people of China desire a republic. This question neither the government nor a section are able to decide, therefore a national convention is necessary.

"The princes and the members of the Imperial clan agree to let the cabinet inform the revolutionary forces and then frame regulations for a conference and arrange for an extension of the armistice.

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THOMPSON—On the 27th inst., at Royal Jubilee hospital, Emily Gertrude, beloved wife of Mr. W. F. H. Thompson, late of Vermillion, Alberta, aged 46 years; born Heckington, Lincolnshire, England.

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FOR SALE—Violin and camera. Apply 1605 Rebecca street. j2

FURNITURE STOVES, ETC. J. R. Butler, 734-736 Pandora avenue. Phone 3159. j20

FOR SALE—LOTS

THE GORGE—Albina street, lot 50x125, new 3 room shack and large woodshed, within two minutes of Gorge car, $1,800, on easy terms. Camosun Realty Co., Royal Hotel Bldg., Fort street. d29

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IF YOU INTEND buying a home call in and see photographs of the houses we have for sale. The City Brokerage, 1319 Douglas street. a19 tf

FOR SALE—Nice 4 roomed bungalow, full basement, bath, toilet and light; in Fernwood road; price $2,500. Small cash payment, balance as rent. Apply 920 Caledonia avenue. d29

FOR SALE—Two roomed shack, to be removed from Oak Bay district; also good stove. Apply 2066 Chaucer street, after 6 p. m. d28

FOR SALE—8 roomed house, 2753 Cedar Hill road; house is wired for electric light, has cement foundation, bath, etc., and is in first-class shape; lot 45 by 120, with 14 good fruit trees. This property will be but a few yards from the Hillside car line. Price $2,750. Hinkson Sidall & Son, Empress Theatre Bldg., Government street. j8

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TO RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms; no children. 1029 Burdette Ave. d29

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YOUNG GIRL to help with baby and do light house work. 467 Niagara St. d29

WANTED—Nurse maid. Corner Fort and Stadacona n4 tf

HELP WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—A young man, to milk and drive delivery cart, small dairy. Box 6545, Times. d28

WANTED—3 good outside men, only hustlers and those used to earning good salaries need apply. Room 319 Pemberton Block. d29

ADVANCE, AUSTRALIA — Australian boarding house, 2641 Douglas street, for workingmen, $6 per week; bed, 25c. per night. j19

MISCELLANEOUS

TO RENT—3-stall stable, with coach house, right in city. Box 408, Times. d28

MONEY TO LOAN—We have several sums of money awaiting investment on good inside business property in amounts of $10,000 to $15,000 each. Also some smaller sums for investment on inside residential property. Helsterman, Forman & Co., 1212 Broad street. d28

MONEY TO LOAN—I still have a few idle balances I wish to loan on mortgage on improved or unimproved property. P. R. Brown. d28

TO RENT OR LEASE—Apartments, and also modern store, in our new brick block. Apply Parfitt Bros. d29

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ROOMS AND BOARD.

TO RENT—Superior bedrooms, with meals if required, 901 Burdette Ave.; no children. d28

TO LET—Nicely furnished front room, in private family; breakfast if desired. Apply 139 Simcoe street. j3

WARM, COMFORTABLE ROOMS, with good board, $5.50 per week; board only, $4 per week. C. I. A. Boarding House, 2515 Turner street, Rock Bay. j27

TO LET—A pleasant bedroom. 314 Oswego street. j3

ROOM TO LET and to share breakfast if desired, Oak Bay, near cars. Box 411, Times. d28

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FIRST-CLASS ROOMING HOUSE, with breakfast, for gentlemen. Miss E. H. Jones, 405 Michigan street. Phone 1202. j25

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—To rent, a house of 6 rooms, by responsible adult family. Box 6608, Times. d30

WE HAVE numerous inquiries for houses from $2,750 to $4,500. If you have such a house list it with us for quick sale. Wallace & Clarke, 620 Yates street. j2

WANTED—Bull terrier pup. Apply N. G., Crofton, B. C. j2

TO PLASTERERS—Figures wanted for a seven roomed house. Box 434, Times. d29

WE HAVE numerous inquiries for houses from $2,750 to $4,500. If you have such a house list it with us for quick sale. Wallace & Clarke, 620 Yates street. j2

WANTED—Someone to share freight car to Nelson next spring. Box 411, Times. j2

WANTED—To make arrangements with private family to rent two modern, furnished, light housekeeping rooms and to care for 4-year-old boy during the day. Room 504 Sayward Block. Phone 2889. d29

WANTED—To buy, light express wagon and single harness. Box 416, Times. j2

WANTED—Tenders to lath and plaster a seven room house, at 235 Montreal St. j2

WANTED—Good building lot, near waterfront preferred; state terms. Box 428, Times. d29

WANTED—Highest cash price paid for cast-off clothing, boots and shoes, carpenters' tools, pistols, shotguns, trunks, valises, etc. Phone or send a card and we will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, 6 doors below Government, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

TENDERS WANTED for the painting (labor only) of a bungalow. Apply 413 Sayward Block. d29

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WANTED—To buy, cheap for cash, lot suitable to build on, or house and lot; give full particulars. Address Box 437, Times. d29

WANTED—To let, a carriage paint shop. Apply Box 432 Times. d30

WANTED—A cheap lot, within two blocks of the car. J. Lennox Wilson, 524 Sayward. d29

SECOND-HAND STOVES wanted at Foxgord's. Inquire 1606 Douglas. Phone L1482.

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FOR SALE—One 2-year-old Holstein bull. W. E. Hill, Gordon Head. d29

LOST AND FOUND.

STRAYED—Fox terrier pup, answers to name of Casey. Finder please return to 132 South Turner street. d28

LOST—On Dominion road, Victoria West, between Douglas road and Gorge car line, lady's silver hunting case watch, with gentleman's gold chain attached. Please return to Times Office. d29

LOST—Airedale terrier dog, answers to name "Nero." Finder will receive reward on returning to Empress Boathouse. d29

LOST—Small Shetland pony. Phone 2703. d28

LOST—A gold brooch (set with 2 rubies and 1 pearl). Finder please return to Windsor Grocery Company and receive reward. d28

LOST—On Saturday, December 23rd, a bunch of keys with Presto-lite wrench attached. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning to 1214 Douglas St. d28

LOST—Small gold brooch, between Congregational church and Market street. Finder return to 783 Market street. Reward. d28

LOST—A black pocket book, containing sum of money and land receipts. Finder will be rewarded if only on return of land receipts. Owner, Times Office. d30

BAGPIPE PLAYERS.

Inquis:—"Why do bagpipe-players always walk while they play?"

Hadsum:—"Because then they're harder to hit."

FOOT NOTES

He:—"This is a rippling fine floor."

She:—"Then why dance on my feet?"

THE BABY'S SIZE.

In a tramcar filled with ladies, a ninety-pound dude sat wedged in tightly. At a street-corner a fat woman, handsomely dressed and with a baby in her arms, got in. The little dude struggled to his feet and touched his hat politely, remarking, facetiously:

"Madam, will you take this seat?"

The fat lady looked at the crevice he had left and thanked him pleasantly.

"You are very kind, sir," she said. "I think it will just fit the baby."

And it did.

A BANK DIRECTOR.

Stranger: "Boy, will you direct me to the nearest bank?"

Street Gamin: "I will for a quarter."

"A quarter. Isn't that too much?"

"Bank directors always get big pay, mister."

A TAILOR'S FOR-GET-ME-NOTS

John: "I understand Dashleigh's uncle has died, leaving him a fortune."

Tom: "Yes; he has received a great many congratulations. Why, even his tailor sent him a bunch of for-get-me-nots yesterday."

A PAINFUL REMINDER.

Tom: "I hate to hear the toot of a motor-horn."

Dick: "Why so?"

Tom: "Well, a man ran off with my wife in a motor-car once, and every time I hear a toot I fear she's coming back."

LONG FEET

Two old farmers were seated in the parlor telling of their experiences in life.

"Talkin' o' long feet, I seen some t'other day that both together made a yard," said the younger of the two.

"Humph!" replied the other. "I once saw a man whose feet were so long that he had to back up to the door to knock at it."

HIS DAILY PRAYER.

A well-known actor has not much hair, and this fact was recently communicated by a lady whose friendship permitted her personal allusions. "Why, Mr. Blank," said the lady, "you are losing your hair all the time. You'll be bald if this keeps on." "Keeps on, madam?" queried the Thespian, putting his hand on to what remained of his hair, "my daily prayer is that this will keep on!"

IMMATERIAL.

A bright youth undergoing examination was asked:

"What is the distance from the earth to the sun?"

Not knowing the answer he wrote: "I am unable to state accurately, but I don't believe the sun is near enough to interfere with my doing my duty if I get this clerkship."

He passed the examination.

QUEER

"What makes my razor so dull, anyhow?"

"I don't know. It was all right yesterday when I sharpened a lead pencil."

HINT TO HUSBAND

"I promised my wife a dime to put in a home-safe every time I kissed her. Later, when she opened the safe, there were a lot of half-dollars in it. I asked her where she got them.

"'Everybody is not so stingy as you,' she replied.

A TIRED EAR

The young man had talked for ten or fifteen minutes without a break, when the girl at the other end of the wire interrupted.

"Just a moment, Guy," she said.

"What is it, Fleda?"

"I want to change the receiver to the other ear. This one's tired."

FRIENDLESS.

Cashier—You must get some one to identify you before I can pay this check. Have you any friends in this town?

Stranger—Not one. I'm the dog catcher.

WHY HE DIDN'T VOTE.

"Why didn't you go to the poll to vote?"

"Well," replied Farmer Corntossel, "after listening carefully to what the candidates had to say about each other, I concluded neither of 'em was wuth hitchin' up a hoss fur."

Many a debutante "comes out," and, not seeing her shadow, goes in again.

Many a small bottle has developed into a family jar.

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MAYOR EXPLAINS CASE FOR CITY

OAK BAY COUNCIL IS TO NAME COMMITTEE

Limits Under Boundary Extension Scheme Will Be Curtailed From First Proposal

The small audience at the meeting at Oak Bay council chamber last evening to discuss the Greater Victoria scheme doubled itself as the evening wore on, and after Councillor W. E. Oliver had introduced a resolution that an inter-municipal committee should be appointed, which Mr. DeSalis seconded, he withdrew his motion in favor of an amendment moved by Councillor Hargreaves that a committee of four should be named by the Oak Bay council to discuss the question with the city authorities. This was seconded by Mr. Hayward, and carried.

Mayor Morley and Alderman Gleason represented the city, and in the course of a long statement his worship made two interesting announcements, one being that the contractors for the Sooke Lake scheme figured on completing the work in a year and a half, instead of the proposed contract time of two years, and that the city would not press the extension movement in South Saanich except in the suburban portion adjoining the northern boundary of the city. He said he should not support boundary extension unless a new form of government was set up in the city, in the form of government by commission, and gave a pledge that after amalgamation no charge would be placed on the outside districts for indebtedness incurred before the boundaries extension.

There were about eighteen persons present when Councillor Herrick McGregor called the meeting to order, and apologized for the absence of Reeve Henderson, who had a prior engagement. He explained that the small attendance was due to the gathering occurring between two holidays.

His worship said he believed that the prosperity and progress facing the city of Victoria, and the rapidity of growth before them justified a comprehensive scheme to draw up a plan which would enable the surrounding districts to share in that development, and they felt the time had come for the citizens to look forward in laying their plans. They in the Victoria area had common interests in public utilities, road planning, waterworks, and the general welfare standpoint, and he believed they could only attain the best results by making common cause, for what benefitd Victoria would benefit Oak Bay. (Applause.)

The opinion had been gradually forced upon his mind, as the conclusion of his experience "that we cannot afford to run any longer the danger of pulling apart in our interests; on the contrary we cannot afford to lose another day before we come together. It is only a few years in the natural course of events when Oak Bay will be a part of the city of Victoria. That being the case does it not appeal to you that we should unite from this date and do all our planning with that one object in view? Now I am not selfish, the only selfishness I have been guilty of has been selfishness for the interests of the city of Victoria." The movement had no intention of coercing Oak Bay into the union. Simply they had come to them and said: "Are you of a mind with us, that our interests are common, are you willing to come together in a proper method of adjustment satisfactory to both parties?"

They must act in the future in common. They had come to terms in regard to sewerage, and waterworks, and in that connection he had learnt that the contractors for the Sooke Lake scheme would be able to complete the work in a year and a half, instead of two years as the contract called for, or in other words, they would have to face only one other dry season. They must also have lighting services. They would be able better to deal with public utilities, telephones and street railways, particularly as the question of expropriation of the street car service would have to be dealt with at an early date.

His worship strongly opposed the suggested county council idea, as one on which neither city nor districts would have a fair deal. It would be a case of the tail wagging the dog, for the central city with its enormous floating debt, its enormous expenditure would be at the mercy of the surrounding districts. The city could easily be overruled by the outside interests. He was in favor of absolute independence, or else of absolute union.

Another objection taken was that the city was not yet able to govern itself. It was true the city had made mistakes, some of them being costly, but he believed they would attain to a satisfactory system of civic government through government by commission. The management, however, had been clean, with an absence of graft, although there had been slight attempts in that direction, but the government had on the whole been clean. He would not ask them to come in, unless he felt the day was coming of government through paid commissioners.

In the future they must consider waterfront development, the commercial interests of the port, and he objected to the inference drawn by the Colonist that they could not see the connection between the harbor developments and the Greater Victoria scheme. He looked at it from another standpoint. Both were closely associated with each other in the future of the port. He had long recognized that the members of the Board of Trade looked at the question from the direct personal commercial point of view as concerning the wholesale interests of the harbor. He wanted the whole city to look forward in sympathy, and united desire for development, and not grow up with sectional interests with harbors at Esquimalt, Victoria and Oak Bay, for different classes of trade. He pointed out how necessary it was they should deal with terminal facilities also in a comprehensive plan. As showing how they continued pegging away for improvements he mentioned the struggle to improve the causeway in which he personally took an active share. It required pluck, foresight, and enterprise. He did not come to ask them to pay for the mistakes of the past.

Speaking of the arrangements for extension he made the announcement that they would not pursue the case beyond the populous part of South Saanich, so far as that municipality was concerned. He pointed out that the willingness of residents to have work done by local improvements was shown in the initial introduction of asphalt paving, cluster lighting, and boulevards, all of which were enthusiastically endorsed as soon as the systems were introduced. Answering the contention of critics that the city was coming closely to the limit of its borrowing power, he proved that the city gradually at first, and rapidly of late years, had greatly advanced in its assessment, from $10,500,000 in 1906, to $26,250,000 last year, and $46,500,000 in 1911. He was prepared to prophecy that in 1913 the valuation would rise to $65,000,000.

The chairman and Councillor W. E. Oliver asked a number of questions, the former pressing for a tabulated statement of the financial position of the two authorities, and the latter for an explanation how the Oak Bay residents, apart from local improvements, could have any control over expenditure out of general revenue, should they consent to amalgamation.

The discussion elicited the information that the general rate on Oak Bay was seven and a half mills on the dollar, as against 20 net in the city.

The mayor's remark that Oak Bay was just learning the business of municipal work led the chairman to remark that they could teach the city some things. (Laughter.) The clerk of the municipality, J. S. Floyd, said the arrangement for local improvement work was different in the city from that at Oak Bay, as the municipality charged the whole work up to residents, while the city paid a share proportionate to the position in the city of the property benefited.

The chairman thought the proposal was "a leap in the dark."

The mayor declared he did not come there to flim-flam the voters of Oak Bay into amalgamation.

The clerk (Mr. Floyd) took issue with the mayor on the point that as the law required that all rateable lands be taxable for the city's general debt, Oak Bay would not become liable for that debt in entering the city. His worship contended that the recent issue of debentures expressly stipulated that the liability was on the then "existing taxable area."

Alderman Gleason took up the question from the standpoint that the district wanted better facilities in the way of improvements, and pointed out the needs in the way of sewerage, schools and waterworks. So far as the sewer outfall was concerned he believed they could do better service by diverting the outfall to Shoal Bay instead of running it out opposite Mary Tod island. He suggested a committee to meet the representatives of the city.

Councillor Oliver described as meaningless, crude, and containing misrepresentation some of the statements put before them that night, and while amalgamation must inevitably come, it should have occurred before the district was organized and any improvements made, or else they should wait till the district was in a better position to discuss terms of amalgamation.

The resolutions were then considered as above, and the appointment of a committee of four left to the Oak Bay council.

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SAANICH COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSON

They Discuss Greater Victoria Scheme—Victoria & Sidney Railway Station

The Saanich council dealt on Saturday with the results of the "Greater Victoria" campaign in the district last week. The Boleskin road meeting was the only one that considered the time opportune to discuss the scheme and the resolution passed at that meeting asking the council of Saanich to appoint a committee of five persons to investigate the proposal and report was passed, the committee being named as follows: F. Stackpoole, K. C., chairman; Geo. McGregor, W. J. Scott, F. J. Sherwood, and R. S. Thompson.

Another matter dealt with was the plebiscite as to whether or not improvements should be exempt from taxation. This came up on a petition being presented by fifty-seven ratepayers asking that the question be submitted to the people at the forthcoming election. A motion of Councillor Halden that the request be granted and a plebiscite taken was carried unanimously.

A committee consisting of the reeve, Councillors Grant and Layritz was appointed to wait on the manager of the V. & S. Railway to discuss the Royal Oak station and its approach in relation to the boundary of the municipal hall grounds. The municipality owns all the approach to the station except a 20-ft. right-of-way, and also a portion of the station grounds. The committee will try to arrange for convenient station facilities in exchange for the use of part of its property. Other disputed points will also be discussed. On recommendation of Superintendent Pim the city of Victoria will be asked to furnish a plan showing where it is proposed to lay the water main to Sooke Lake, within Saanich municipality.

Subdivision plans continue to pour into the Saanich council chamber for acceptance, and notwithstanding the council's refusal in the past to accept plans that did not conform with the act the majority did not meet the subdivision plan of section 32, Lake district, on Cordova Bay, was resolved to have lots made at least fifty feet frontage. The subdivision of lot 39, Lake Hill, on Swan Lake, was referred to the road superintendent for report on condition of proposed streets. H. H. Canfield submitted lots 97 and 102, section 59, which showed a narrow reserve obstructing the continuation of Mountain street was returned pending the removal of the obstruction. A subdivision of the Peas property, adjacent to Strawberry Vale hall, was referred to Inspector Pim for report.

The superintendent's report on Colquitz Park subdivision disclosed that the survey stakes and the plan did not correspond, and an explanation will be asked for.

A plan of lots 2 and 3, block J, section 62, Seaward avenue and Tolmie avenue, was accepted. Lot 74, section 7, Maywood, on Tennyson and Dupplin road, took the same course; and also lot 8, section 33, Victoria district, near the old Tolmie homestead.

The government sent a cheque for $1248.75 for road work, which was received and filed.

H. F. Olfield claimed compensation for damages alleged to be caused him by the construction of Prospect Lake road. Received and filed.

The fence-viewers reported their award under the Ditches and Watercourses Act on the dispute between McFadden & Mould vs. Olfield, as follows: Municipality to ditch road allowance, cost $3.00, Mr. Olfield to pay $50 and expenses, McFadden & Mould, or owners of section 56 and 57, to jointly maintain and clean the ditch annually before October. The report was adopted.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, December 29th to 26th, 1911.

Victoria—Bright sunshine, 13 hours 6 minutes; highest temperature, 50 on 22nd; lowest, 39 on 20th; rain, .75 inch.

Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 11 hours 48 minutes; highest temperature, 46 on 22nd; lowest, 28 on 24th; rain, 1.03 inches; snow, 6 inches; total, 1.63 inches.

New Westminster—Highest temperature, 46 on 22nd; lowest, 30 on 26th; rain, 1.05 inches; snow, 8.8 inches; total, 1.93 inches.

Kamloops—Highest temperature, 56 on 22nd; lowest, 6 on 26th; precipitation, .61 inch.

Barkerville—Highest temperature, 36 on 22nd; lowest, 8 below zero on 24th; precipitation, 1.44 inches.

Prince Rupert—Highest temperature, 54 on 20th; lowest, 32 on 4 days; rain, 2.92 inches.

Atlin—Highest temperature, 34 on 20th; lowest, 8 below zero on 26th; snow, .60 inch.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 4 below zero on 21st; lowest, 36 below zero on 24th; snow, 1 inch.

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